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A FESTIVE LOOK AT

Holton Road, Barry

Llantwit Major **ALIVE WITH LIGHTS** this Christmas

Public shaming scheme for litter louts mooted

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is considering publishing photos of people who drop litter if they fail to provide their correct name and address to enforcement officers.

Head of operations for community services Zak Shell told councillors at a recent scrutiny committee meeting the option was available to the council. "Enforcement officers wear body cams and the image could be published.

"Rhonda Cynon Taf Council publishes photos of people who have committed offences asking 'Who is this person?'.

If somebody walks away and refuses to give their name and address we could do the same thing.

"Currently we are not at that stage and it is something that would require more consideration as there are other options out there."

Sian Hooper, BCBC's cleaner streets and waste contract manager, told councillors that enforcement officers were "very adept" at getting names and addresses of people who were caught dropping litter, adding it was an offence not to provide it to them when asked.

"Enforcement officers have called in police officers to be

with them in certain situations to enforce that they have a right to know someone's name and address."

In April, the local authority appointed the private company 3GS to patrol litter hotspots and issue fines where necessary. From May to September, they issued almost 400 fines, worth £25,000.

The vast majority were to people dropping cigarettes.

The council said officers were building up a library of hotspots to target in the county with one having recently been the Elvis Festival in Porthcawl.

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Volunteers celebrated at awards ceremony



Caerau Friendly Dementia Group – Volunteer Project of the Year Award, presented by Lesley Poulton on behalf of award sponsor United Graphic Design

THE Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) celebrated local volunteers at its annual Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend.

A BAVO spokesperson said: "Volunteers deliver services in the heart of our communities. They take on a wide range of tasks, giving their time and effort to support others, truly deserve recognition for the inspirational acts they do on a daily basis."

The Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards winners were:

Lang and the Off Duty Bridgend Volunteer Award.

Carers Choir.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies, said: "It's always a privilege to support these awards. Volunteers who give their time and effort to support others, truly deserve recognition for the inspirational acts they do on a daily basis."

The Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards winners were:

• Bill Daniel from Mirus Wales – winner of Befriending/Mentoring

• Louise Roberts from the Community Companions Project – winner of Befriending/Mentoring Volunteer Award;

• Garin Lang from Y Bont – winner of Volunteer of the Year under 25 Award;

• Anne Wilkins from RNIB Cymru – winner of Volunteer of the Year over 25 Award.

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'Independent inquiry will establish facts'

IAM disturbed by the circumstances of events leading to the ministerial resignation of our local MP, Alun Cairns.

Do I understand correctly the reasoning behind this relates to his backing the recommendation put forward by the Welsh Conservative Party of Ross England as the candidate for the forthcoming Welsh Assembly Election?

On the assumption due diligence had been undertaken by his party on Mr England's suitability, I have to say the outrage at Mr Cairns in supporting Ross England is a bit rich – wouldn't any Leader do the same if the prospective candidate had passed the vetting procedures of the designated authorities?

For many years, I've noted Alun has been an exceptionally hard working MP for this constituency and has secured an enviable record of achievement within our local community and Welsh industry. In addition to his local duties, he became a respected and most effective Secretary of State on the world stage.

I, like many, now look forward to the results of an independent inquiry which will establish the facts. This should satisfy all constituents in the Vale, who deserve to see a hard working MP continue with his efforts and represent us in Parliament.

Duncan Barber, Llanblethian.

It shouldn't be this difficult to contact Council

TODAY I had the unfortunate and frustrating experience of trying to make contact with the Vale Council to report a second missed recycling collection in two weeks.

While there is an online form to report such matters, as this was the second time, I thought it more reassuring to speak with somebody directly. Refuse collection generally has become an absolute disgrace and there appears little to suggest that the council has the matter in hand.

Trying to find a telephone number is in itself extremely difficult and then one is met with a call handler who fields calls and I was told is not permitted to pass calls on to respective departments; they don't respond to telephone enquiries.

If I wished to complain, I was told I would have to write in and if I wished to view the complaints procedure, I could access this online as it wasn't available in written form.

I tried to imagine how my 90-year-old mother would manage this, not being internet literate, and wondered what provision the council had in place to accommodate a large number of the Vale's residents who it seems are in danger of becoming invisible because of their lack of online presence.

The endless back slapping and self congratulatory reports from the council are beginning to wear a bit thin, and I'm certain it would be really revealing to conduct a resident satisfaction survey to see just how the council is performing in the 'real world', not just about meeting government targets.

I fear the council is in danger of becoming an anonymous entity convincing itself that all is well with the world, especially if it is unprepared to make its services easily accessible and discounting the value of user feedback.

Rob Taylor, Barry.

Readers' Letters

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Human beings, not 'dossers'

IN response to a letter printed in the November 14 issue of The GEM, 'Has the Council abandoned Holton Road?' such a lack of compassion and humanity shown toward people who have fallen on desperate times that they have nowhere else to go except the cold doorway of an abandoned, empty hotel.

These are human beings not 'dossers'.

And as for going to the toilet – are they even welcome to use the facilities in the nearby library? If they are, are they only supposed to need the toilet in library opening hours?

This is the typical, heartless response that is becoming more prevalent in austerity ravaged, Tory Britain.

John Patrick Waddington, Barry.

Older swimmers miss out

DUE to cutbacks, the more mature residents of CF62 post code are being discriminated against.

We have been reduced to a two hour swim on a Wednesday; while if you live in CF63 postcode, you can swim four days a week.

How come? I am sure it does not cost any more to have more people in the pool. Surely in this day and age when we are trying to encourage people who are getting older to keep fit, and not take up GPs' time and beds in hospitals, this is not helping?

Avril Main, Barry Island.

Remembrance struck a chord

IWOULD just like to thank Rev Rhian Prime, and Catherine the minister from The Gath-lering Place for a lovely thought-provoking Remembrance Day service.

It was wonderful to see so many children representing all the various clubs and activities in St Athan, as it will be the young who carry on Remembrance Day into the future.

Julie Lynch-Wilson, St Athan Community Council.

We will remember them

IN recognition of the importance of Remembrance Day, the Llantwit Major Conservative Association has decided to make a donation to the British Legion rather than present a wreath.

They shall not be forgotten.

Cllr Gordon Wilkie, Llantwit Major Conservatives

Does anyone know the Days?

IHAVE many memories of 40 Coronation Street, Barry Docks: my mother was born there – Pauline Elizabeth Day.

She had a brother, Joe, and sisters Dorothy and Eileen, who was a telephonist in the exchange in the early 1960s.

I have cousins William Day and Angela who lived on the Island; also cousins Russell and Alan who lived on Kingsland Crescent (my uncle Tom was a ship's chandler).

I would like to be informed if anyone has information regarding them from someone local. Thank you in anticipation.

Peter Lane,

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Where does my recycling go?

AT the moment, my recycling is taken a few hundred miles away into England and put into skips at whatever site I am working on.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will not touch it. Along with many of my neighbours, the new recycling policy came as a bit of a surprise and we only noticed when the bin men stopped picking up.

On its own carbon neutral policy, maybe the council didn't send out enough letters.

I telephoned the council on the October 24 to ask where my bags were. During the conversation, they asked could I get to the library or the Wenvoe depot – I said no; I have this annoying thing called a job. It's a pesky thing, but if I don't do it, I don't eat.

'That's fine,' said the woman, 'a waste management warden will drop some off for you within five working days. This didn't happen, so weeks later I sent the Vale Council an email and got a prompt reply along the lines of 'we will never deliver personally to a single residence'.

Now, either the nice lady who spoke to me is a liar... or the council policy is wrong.

Nicholas Etherington, Vale of Glamorgan.

Path in Peace art trail 'uplifting'

IHAD the privilege to see Glyn's exhibition 'A Path in Peace' at All Saints' Church, Barry, and that in the company of the talented yet unassuming artist himself.

I say 'to see', yet the story of that afternoon was rather more than mere seeing or judgementally viewing the skilful creations of the artist.

It was indeed a uniquely uplifting and spiritual experience that will remain in one's memory for many years.

Through his artwork, Glyn takes us by the hand and gently guides us along the quiet paths to the timeless peace of the churches and holy places of the

Vale of Glamorgan. He takes us back to the yester-days of our forefathers so that we may, if we wish, create a better tomorrow for our children.

A tomorrow of togetherness and shared joy whatever your belief.

This is a skilful, inspirational exhibition that truly deserves a wide audience throughout Wales so that we may, as the poet Waldo Williams says in his poem 'Cofio' (Remembrance): '.....bring to mind the things that are forgotten.

Now scattered in the dust of ages past.'

Come and experience for yourself the journey and work of one of the sons of the Vale of Glamorgan, the talented yet humble artist, Glyn Pooley.

Gwyn Hughes Jones, Barry.

We shouldn't feel good about recycling

THE irony of following a healthy diet is that even though I live alone, I generate enough (non-recyclable) plastic each week to fill a (non-recyclable) carrier bag.

Until the supermarkets are forced to repackaging recyclable materials, we are wasting our time.

The council, with its ill-thought-out new system is doing nothing for the environment except ticking a box on its list of 'things to do to make it look like we're making a difference'.

Paper breaks down. Cardboard breaks down (this has been obvious during the five days the bags have been outside our homes awaiting collection).

Bottles and cans have been recycled for decades without a problem.

The one thing we all need to do is recycle plastic (or 'soft plastic' as it's now described) yet this is beyond us.

What is the point of adding plastic to the landfill in black plastic bags? What are we achieving? Is there not a way to compact plastic and store it until such time as someone comes up with a way to degrade it?

There has to be technology to destroy/dissolve a product that continues to be manufactured, continues to be used to saturation point, and continues to be added to the mountain that exists and, to date, will take around 20 years to break down.

Recycling is just an exercise that makes some people feel better; but they shouldn't.

In some countries, customers can leave the packaging at the checkouts for the stores to recycle themselves.

Maybe we should do the same.

J Cody, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 28

Date	Time	Height (metres)
21/11/2019	00.51	8.1
21/11/2019	13.23	8.3
22/11/2019	02.12	8.4
22/11/2019	14.39	8.7
23/11/2019	03.19	9.0
23/11/2019	15.44	9.2
24/11/2019	04.17	9.5
24/11/2019	16.38	9.7
25/11/2019	05.04	9.9
25/11/2019	17.26	10.0
26/11/2019	05.53	10.1
26/11/2019	18.14	10.2
27/11/2019	06.34	10.4
27/11/2019	18.57	10.3
28/11/2019	07.19	10.2
28/11/2019	19.39	10.1

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Volunteers celebrated at awards ceremony

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- Brian Hodges from Llynfi Valley Credit Union – winner of Trustee of the Year Award;
- Caerau Friendly Dementia Group – winner of Volunteer Project of the Year Award;
- Heather Morris from Tŷ Hafan – winner of Charity Shop Volunteer of the Year Award;
- Shannie Bowen from Active Young People's Department – winner of Sports Volunteer of the Year Award;
- Linda Philips from the Memory Café – winner of Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award.

BAVO's chief executive, Heidi Bennett said: "Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community,

they give their time and skills selflessly to support others.

"BAVO is proud and privileged to be able to host this event again this year and my thanks go to our generous sponsors, Valleys to Coast, Hendlbanken, Graham Paul Accountants and United Graphic Design, who have made this celebration possible."

For information on volunteering opportunities, go to Bridgend.volunteering-wales.net or telephone BAVO on 01656 810400.

See next week's GEM for more photographs from this event.

Public shaming scheme for litter louts mooted

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Since the end of August, 3GS has also been enforcing against dog fouling, fining dog walkers if they fail to pick up their dog's mess, are unable to show that they have dog poo bags with them or fail to put their dog on a lead when requested to do so by an enforcement officer.

The company replaced two officers undertaking the enforcement in September leading to a 'short suspension' in patrols as new officers were trained.

Mr Shell said there was an expectation around 1,800 fines would be issued in a 12-month period. "We have a presence and a deterrent now that we simply didn't have before with enforcement officers

walking around the county."

The contract with 3GS is based on a 'cost neutral' format, where the council doesn't pay 3GS but the company recovers its operating costs from the revenue generated through issuing fines and the payments received.

People can be fined £100 for dog fouling offences or for dropping litter and are given 28 days to pay the fine; if no payment is made, they are issued with a reminder letter. After that period, 3GS prepares a case file which is then submitted to the council's legal department. The latest figures show four people are currently being prosecuted for not paying their fines, with 70 cases pending prosecution.

General Election hopefuls are announced

THE deadline for candidates to put themselves forward for the General Election has now passed, and both the Bridgend and the Ogmere constituencies will have a traditional look, with six parties standing.

Unlike in the neighbouring Vale of Glamorgan where the 'Unite to Remain' grouping has seen both Plaid Cymru and the Lib-Dems stand down in favour of a Green Party candidate, Bridgend and Ogmere look much the same as in previous elections.

The closer contest is likely to be in Bridgend. In the 2015 election, Labour's Madeleine Moon had a majority of 1,927 over the Conservatives, but this was an election when UKIP polled well, receiving, 5,911 votes.

However, two years later in 2017, Mrs Moon increased her majority to 4,700 over the Conservatives. This coincided with the collapse of the UKIP vote, the party polling just 781.

The Ogmere constituency has never been a close call and in 2017, Labour's Chris Elmore polled

23,225 against the Conservative challenger, Jamie Wallis' 9,354. That majority of 13,871 gives Mr Elmore's challengers quite a mountain to climb.

Candidates in the Bridgend constituency are:
• Harris, Alex – The Green Party / Plaid Werdd.
• Lewis, Leanne Elizabeth – Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales.

• Moon, Madeleine – Welsh Labour/ Llafur Cymru.

• Morgan, Robert – Brexit Party.
• Pratt, Jonathan Edward – Welsh Liberal Democrats/ Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru.

• Wallis, Jamie – Welsh Conservative Party Candidate/ Ymgeisydd Plaid Geidwadol Cymru.

Candidates in the Ogmere constituency are:
• Davies, Anita – Welsh Liberal Democrats/ Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru.

• Elmore, Chris – Welsh Labour/ Llafur Cymru.
• Fletcher, Luke – Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales.

• Muller, Tom – The Green Party/ Plaid Werdd.

• Roach, Christine – Brexit Party.

• Vidal, Sadie – Welsh Conservative Party Candidate/ Ymgeisydd Plaid Geidwadol Cymru.

'Extremely aggressive' dog destroyed after biting man

A DOG had to be 'humanely destroyed' after biting a man in Wildmill, Bridgend last Thursday afternoon.

Police were called to the area at around 4.15pm on November 14 after reports of a man being bitten by a 'large aggressive dog.'

The man received hospital treatment for his

injuries.

Officers managed to contain the dog and for a number of hours tried several methods to subdue it.

Veterinary and specialist dangerous dog advice was sought, but due to the dog's extremely aggressive nature and risk to the public, the dog was humanely destroyed at about 10pm.

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Jewellery among items stolen in burglary



POLICE are appealing for information after a string of items including jewellery and gadgets were stolen during a burglary in Mawdlam, Bridgend.

It is believed the burglary took place at a house on Heol Las sometime between 3pm on November 8 and 6.30pm on November 10. Access was gained to the property via a rear patio door.

Items stolen included two Breitling men's watches, a lady's Rolex watch with a stainless steel and gold bracelet

and an Armani watch. Two yellow gold matching wedding rings, several pairs of ladies' sunglasses and two iPads were also stolen.

Police are urging anyone who regularly uses the area, such as dog walkers and early morning commuters, who may have noticed anyone behaving unusually or seen anything out of the ordinary to get in touch.

Anyone with information or who may have been offered any of the stolen items should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 quoting 1900417046.



Pictured are watches similar to the ones stolen during the burglary. Photos and information supplied by South Wales Police.

Bridgend company takes centre stage at Parliamentary reception

ROCKWOOL, a supplier of sustainable insulation, took part in a Parliamentary Innovation reception held at the House of Commons by the Builders Merchants Federation (BMF).

Highlighting its latest acoustic and thermal insulation for residential and commercial environments, the company was one of a number of businesses showcasing latest innovations at the event.

Minister of State for Business and Industry Nadhim Zahawi was the guest speaker. He said: "I was delighted to have been invited to speak at the Builders Merchants Federation Parliamentary reception, celebrating the contribution of firms in the Federation's membership to innovation and growth in the UK."

Rockwell's Director Mark Bungay commented: "Rockwool

products are helping to tackle some of today's biggest built environment issues, from energy efficiency to noise pollution and fire safety. We're delighted to have the opportunity in Parliament to discuss these pressing issues."

John Newcomb, BMF CEO, added: "The reception gave guests an insight into how BMF members are making in-roads in areas including sustainability and the delivery of quieter, more energy efficient buildings and environments. The sector makes a significant contribution to the economy and it's important for us to reinforce the message of its value and significance. Currently, 80 per cent of all building products used in the construction of homes and buildings are manufactured in the UK, creating jobs in manufacturing, construction and the service sector. We were delighted Rockwool joined us at the event."

Calls for money-making parking scheme to be launched

A COUNCILLOR has called for residential parking schemes to be introduced in Bridgend as a means of raising money for the local authority.

Cllr Nicole Burnett said the council was missing out on income-generating opportunities.

Speaking at a recent meeting discussing budget cuts, she said: "I am concerned by the way we are not spending money to save money. I feel restrictions in some areas are impacting on income generation."

"I really feel by pushing forward with residential parking schemes it would inject an awful lot of income into the parking department."

"It will alleviate problems in my ward but it would also bring in income, through enforcement notices and putting people into car parks in the town centre."

The Morfa ward councillor said more also needed to be done to ensure parking machines were working.

During the scrutiny committee meeting which took place on November 7, council officers said parking services was projected to make an underspend of £200k, primarily due to an increase in income from the new temporary car park at Salt Lake in Porthcawl.

Chief executive Mark Shephard said: "This car park hasn't existed before – potentially if it was going to continue we could seek to

invest some of the funds in things like residential parking schemes. However, the car park won't be there forever and we can't just look at parking in isolation."

Committee chairman Cheryl Green said recently an issue with ticket machines in the Rhiw car park meant only one was working, leaving people who had only popped into town for 15 minutes having to queue for half an hour to pay when they returned. Council leader Huw David said the local authority would look into the possibility of residential parking schemes and would also review to what extent ticket machines were breaking down.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Supermarket rises from the ashes just months after devastating fire

A BRIDGEND business has bounced back from a devastating fire that forced its closure earlier this year.

The dramatic blaze ripped through Filco supermarket's premises on Elm Crescent, Bryntirion, at the end of April 2019.

But the business has moved swiftly, and is set to open a new look store in the same premises – just seven months after the incident.

All 20 existing full- and part-time staff have been retained, and will transfer to the new store when it reopens, including Andrew Coupland and his wife, Kay Coupland who have worked in the store for more than 30 years each – and Stephen Ore, who has worked at the Bryntirion store for more than 40 years.

The opening of the new store is scheduled to take place at 11am today (November 21).

The new store will offer delivery direct to doorsteps anywhere in the local area through the Snappy Shopper app; free water refills, dispensed pasteurised milk direct from Ty Tanglwyst Farm, as well as an in-store butchery and deli, which will be stocked from local suppliers.

To mark the launch of the new store, Filco is donating £10,000 to local schools, charities and good causes through Nisa's Make a Difference

Locally (MADL) initiative.

Filco is a member of Nisa shops, which gathers funding for local charities by selling MADL associated products, which includes all Co-op own brand label and selected promotional lines.

Director Simon Hunt said: "As a business firmly embedded in the Bryntirion community, we feel and share the pain of the devastating fire which affected the area."

"We have built up a very loyal customer base over 50 years at Bryntirion, so we're thrilled to be back and fresher than ever."

"Our focus has been to get the new store up and running as quickly as possible, ensuring we continue to service and meet the needs of our customers."

"To reward them for their patience during the disruption, we are offering 250 customers a free goodie bag on opening day."

He added: "We would also like to recognise the professionalism and bravery shown by emergency services, so we're making a £500 donation to The Fire Fighters charity as a thank you."

Steve Richards, station commander of Bridgend fire station will be on hand to help open the doors and collect the cheque for the charity.

Filco Bryntirion will be open Monday to Saturday 7am to 8pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Bridgend Quiz League

THE results from the Bridgend Quiz League for November 11 are:

Division 1: Oldcastle A 40, TyRisha Royals 47; Laleston Inn A 41, Crown Maesteg 40; Tondur Railway Club 45, Mackworth Arms 48; Penybont AFC Nomads 44, Chatterton Shunters 41.

Division 2: Cabo Roche 48, Pheasant Gamekeepers 49; Prince of Wales Rebels 45, Tondur Railway Locos 38; Six Bells Clangers 47, Oldcastle B 44; Pheasant Pluckers 50, Laleston Inn B 48.

Here are this week's teasers to test your

knowledge:
1. Which British runner was known as the 'Jarrow Arrow'?
2. What company makes the most tyres in the world?
3. What football team were British Baseball champions in 1906 and 1908?

Answers: 1. Steve Cram; 2. Lego; 3. Tottenham Hotspur.

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Town's Remembrance cafe raised more than £1,000!



ON Remembrance Sunday in Bridgend town centre, a special 'Remembrance Cafe' was set up in Carnegie House.

A spokeswoman for the organisers said: "We were very grateful to the MPCT, who volunteered on both the Saturday and the Sunday. They were kept busy helping to serve many cups of tea and washing even more dishes."

"It was great having them on hand when we were incredibly busy. Other volunteers included, Janette Roberts, Calvin Bird, John Archer, Kirsty Lavis and Demi Ford, who again kindly gave up their time to volunteer all weekend serving tea/coffee and washing dishes."

"We also received kind donations of cakes, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, sugar etc from local shops and cafes including Tesco Bridgend Brewery Lane, Sainsbury's, Dragon Cafe Bridgend as well as Phil's News & Cafe, and The Tasty Plaice."

"The final amount that we raised for The Bridgend Veteran Zone, The Royal British Legion and SSAFA was £1,120 - which we feel was a great success!"



Van driver sought after runner left with 'life-changing' injuries

POLICE are urging a driver of a black van who was in the area of a recent serious road traffic collision in Bridgend to get in touch.

They believe the person behind the wheel might be able to assist officers with their investigation into the collision on Tondy Road at around 7pm on Thursday, October 24.

A white coloured Ford Eco Sport car collided with a 68-year-old male pedestrian who was running with his running club at the time.

The pedestrian suffered life-threatening injuries

and is still receiving hospital treatment.

Officers are appealing to the driver of the black van, which turned from Tondy Road onto Tynton Road just before the collision, to contact them.

The driver should contact South Wales Police's Roads Policing Unit by calling 101 and quoting 1900394002.

Police would also like to speak to anyone who may know of anything that can assist the investigation or who may have dash cam or CCTV footage of the incident.

Warning as rogue traders target elderly residents

POLICE are urging residents to be vigilant after receiving reports that traders have been calling on elderly residents and carrying out work for inflated prices.

The workers, who targeted people in the Litchard area of Bridgend, are thought to be using a white Peugeot van.

South Wales Police are continuing to investigate and have issued advice to residents in a bid to crackdown on the incidents.

The key crime prevention message is 'not sure? Don't open the door.'

Check the identity of the doorstep caller by telephoning the company they are purporting to be from. Use the phone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service

provider.

- Check whether traders are members of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme or the Government Trust Mark scheme.

- Discuss any work you feel needs to be carried out on your property with a relative or friends who can help find a reputable trader.

- Do not agree to any work or sign anything on the spot. Do not be pressured in to having any work carried out.

- Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader.

A police spokesman said: "If you suspect a rogue trader is at your door then call 999. Anyone with information or concerns should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."



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Christmas Crafts fair

THE Penarth and District Lesotho Trust is holding a Christmas Crafts and Creations fair on Saturday, November 23 from 10am to 1pm in Stanwell Baptist church hall, Victoria Road, Penarth.

Crafts will include jewellery, Japanese calligraphy and artefacts, wooden bowls and pens, puppets, fabric bags and hand-made decorations. As usual, we are raising funds for St Cecilia's Centre for Teenage Mothers and we are hoping to help set up a security system for the TY Junior Academy. Please come along and support the charity's work in Lesotho.

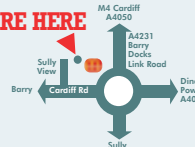
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Highlight Park Cuppa

HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa is open on Monday, November 25 from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the Highlight Park Community Centre. Join us for some company and a chat over a cuppa.

Cowbridge U3A

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Dog of the Week



BARNEY is a handsome six-year-old Akita cross Border Collie who is a bouncy chap and loves a run off-lead.

However, he will need further training with his basic obedience and jumping up. He loves to play ball but hasn't quite grasped the idea of bringing it back!

He is bright and is always eager to learn new things. Dogs Trust have limited history about Barney and therefore are looking for a home with owners who have owned dogs previously and are at home for most

of the day.

If you work from home, this would be the ideal situation for him. He is looking for an adult-only home that will continue with his training needs. Barney is fun and plays with dogs when out and about, so he would be a great walking companion.

He is house trained and travels well in the car.

For more information on Barney, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; give us call on 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Willy Wonka and his Oompa Loompas out in force raising cash for charity



PORHCRAWL Comprehensive School's pupils have once again pulled out all the stops in their efforts during charities week.

Following five days of commitment, enthusiasm and energy, the head team raised over £3,500 with money still coming in.

As each day went by the fundraising gathered momentum with the rain holding off for our fancy dress day for Children in Need.

As well as the old favourites like The Great British Bake Off and The Lip Sync Battle, pupils also organised other very successful

events including Would I lie to You?, I'm a Teacher and The Chase.

All of the events were performed to packed out audiences of delighted pupils and staff.

A massive 'thank you' to everyone for contributing during the week, and congratulations to all the hard working pupils on raising such an impressive amount of money.

Chosen charities this year include Velindre Hospital, The Rohhad Association, The RLNI and PAPYRUS.

Disabled residents face lengthy delays for essential home adaptation work

DISABLED children in Bridgend are having to wait an average of around 18 months to receive adaptations in their homes which would enable them to continue living with their families, new figures show.

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) are paid by the local authority and can help towards the cost of adapting homes, helping disabled children and adults to get in, around and out of their homes; installing a stairlift to improve access to a room, providing a level-access shower, or helping to make cooking easier by providing low level units.

But in Bridgend residents have a long wait to receive the necessary adaptations – on average it takes around 244 days, or eight months, to deliver an adult DFG and 500 days to deliver a children's DFG. A year ago the average was almost two years for children's grants to be signed off and work completed.

At a BCBC audit committee, chairman Lyn Walters raised concerns that due to the length of time taken, pressure on families looking after a severely disabled child with complex needs could see them split up due to the stress. Council officers said children's cases tended to be more complex, often involving bedroom and wet room extensions which required detailed design and planning.

The local authority is ranked 20th out of 22 local authorities in Wales for the time it takes to deliver a grant.

On average it takes 270 days – this compares to the Wales average of 207 days.

Out-of-date practices were flagged up in a recent service review, highlighting the number of times work was passed to other people during the DFG process – which range between four and 38 times in some cases. Councillors asked officers why the local authority was still 20th, despite a series of recommendations made by the Wales Audit Office over a year ago to improve services.

Head of performance and partnership services, Martin Morgans, said delays in improvement were down to the service being remodelled.

"We had a staff restructure in housing that wasn't complete until the end of 2018 and we wanted to remodel. We can't make decisions on where we want to go unless we know where to go."

"We've done a considerable amount of research on DFGs in Cardiff and Neath Port Talbot, looking at best practice, and having an independent consultant look at the challenges we are facing. We now know what model to deliver but it's been a huge amount of work placing the recommendations into a new working model. It's a challenge,

we shouldn't be 20th, it hurts me to say that."

"Our objective is to definitely improve on that – I expect not to be 20th in the next 12 months."

He admitted the number of times work was passed to other people during the process was "quite shocking", saying the new model would cut down on "a lot of bureaucracy" and create a single point of interaction, reducing the number of hand offs and making it more transparent to residents. He added that other changes had been made to the process to ensure residents were given the right information at the earliest stage possible to ensure expectations were not being set "beyond what we can deliver".

Cardiff Council ranks sixth in Wales, taking an average of 188 days to deliver DFGs with Conwy first and Flintshire last, taking an average of 126 days and 298 days respectively.

The maximum amount that can be awarded for a DFG is £36,000. Mr Morgans said the council was also taking a "far more pragmatic approach" to minor works, saying: "The quicker we put in ramps and handrails the more we can mitigate falls."

Minor works currently take on average around nine days to be completed. Officers said a report on the new model would go before the cabinet in the near future.

Liz Bradfield, LDR

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History society's book launch hailed a success

NOT even the weather could put off people attending the Ogmor Valley Local History Society's book launch for their milestone 20th edition journal last Saturday, in the Ogmor Vale Primary School.

It was attended by a very enthusiastic and welcoming audience.

The Ogmor Valley Male Voice Choir started the entertainment conducted by Mr Phil Davies, who encouraged the audience to participate.

This was followed by Mr Hockey presenting the new 20th edition 2019 Journal; outlining the contents and work the society has been involved with over the past year as well as the projects for the year to come.

The entertainment continued with the Ogmor

Valley Ladies' Choir conducted by Sara Tilley; a buffet and raffle followed and the Ogmor Valley Silver Band finished off what turned out to be a very successful day.

The officers and members of the society wish to express their thanks to everyone who attended this year's launch, and the choirs and Silver Band for helping to make it the success it was. The society meets at 7pm every other Tuesday (next meeting November 26) in the Ogmor Vale Non Pol lounge; dates of all the meetings can be found on the society's website.

They welcome new members and encourage anyone who may have a story or a memory with a Valley connection, to write it down and let them publish it to keep the Valley's heritage alive for future generations.

Latest news from Townswomen's Guild

PORTHCAWL Townswomen's Guild's Christmas Fair is on November 29 at 10.30am at Trinity church hall, when the group will be raising funds for Porthcawl National Coastwatch Institution.

They will have a display so do come and support the essential organisation.

The group enjoyed a concert at Burry Port with Swansea Federation and contributed to the

entertainment.

Members are now looking forward to a carol concert at Baglan.

Speaker this month was Debra John.

She graphically told us folk tales of the Gower in her own inimitable way.

The group's next meeting is on December 11 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when John Sheen will be giving his views on 'Christmas'.

All welcome.

Fun Friday in aid of Children in Need



COYTRAHEN Community Centre was a hive of activity on Friday evening for Children in Need.

Emma Louise School of Dance entertained everyone with its Elite teams of dancing, with ages ranging from three years to 17.

Mr T Ricks with his magic and his pet Rocky the Raccoon had the children completely captivated. There was fun and games for all, and Bingo with a difference using playing cards instead of numbers (called Hoy).

And of course a certain bear turned up...

The committee of Coytrahen would like to say thank you to Mark and Caroline Fenton, who organised and compered the whole evening, for making it such a success.

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Wet weather fails to dampen spirits at coffee morning



POOR weather conditions did not deter the people who gathered at St Tyfodwg's for a coffee morning and Christmas table top sale on November 9.

As well as home-made cakes there was a wide selection of gifts for Christmas, as well as home-made preserves and locally produced honey.

A feature which proved successful was the 'Guess the weight of the Guinness Cake' which many readily tried.

A musical interlude was provided by the local folk group Shenanigans, who regularly give their support for events at the church – a big thank you

to them. The highlight of the day came when the founding organisers of the charity Dreams & Wishes were presented with a cheque for £400 to support terminally ill children and their families.

This money had been raised from a charity concert held at the church in October.

The organisers stated that part of this money would go to purchase a mobile phone for a child who did not have long to live, and whose sole wish was to have one.

A spokesman said: "May the great work of the charity continue; the church is so glad to be able to help in some small way.

THE cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has backed its decision to hike outdoor sports facilities in the county by up to 500 per cent after being forced to reconsider the move when opposition councillors said more details were needed.

In a special cabinet meeting on Wednesday, November 13, councillors said however, that it was not their intention that any club should pay the huge rise in fees for pitches and pavilions, saying rather that it wanted them to take on community asset transfers (CATs) for the facilities.

There are 293 sports teams in the county, associated with 60 football, rugby, cricket and bowls clubs.

The council's community asset transfer (CAT) officer Guy Smith said while just one sports asset had been transferred to a club so far – Bryncethin RFC – eight assets were close to being signed over, with another 18 underway.

He said there had also been a further 20 informal expressions of interest, leaving just one asset – the facilities used by Blaengarw Cricket Club – that the council had not had any asset transfer discussions over.

Plaid group leader Tim Thomas, who called the decision in for further scrutiny, said there had been concerns over the complex and time-consuming CAT process, the lack of clarity over exactly how the proposed new charges had been arrived at and the lack of detail over a new fund being set up to help support children in sport.

He told cabinet members during the meeting that everything had to be done to ensure clubs did not have to pay the proposed charges, adding: "It's quite clear they will be the death of many clubs."

Cabinet members questioned whether councillors on the scrutiny committee were aware of the new "streamlined" CAT process, which, in the last few months, has become "much more flexible".

Head of operations Zak Shell said the council could look into getting more precise figures on exactly how much each club currently pays and would be expected to pay when the new policy

comes into force in September 2020.

He said the council's published guideline figures were there to illustrate how much clubs could have to pay but costs would vary depending on the facilities and their usage.

Explaining the new fund, chief executive Mark Shephard said it would be an annual fund of around £75,000 and a full report providing more detail would soon be prepared to go before a future cabinet meeting.

He said: "We see it as a fund to help mini, junior and youth teams, recognising some clubs may require additional support."

"It is regarded as a transitional fund – and could be used for kit or travel, for example."

He said other groups could also be supported.

Mr Shell said the council's approach was based on having to save £438,000 from its budget for outdoor sports facilities.

Council leader Huw David said there had been no alternative proposal suggested to find the cuts elsewhere, adding the local authority was faced with making a further £35m cuts in the next four years, leading to hundreds of job losses.

Meanwhile, the cabinet member for education and regeneration Charles Smith pointed out the council's proven track record in asset transfers, saying he hoped clubs would see it as an opportunity rather than a threat.

He acknowledged the asset transfer process could be frightening and complex but the council could help organisations through it.

Cabinet member for communities Richard Young said asset transfers would give clubs greater autonomy and freedom.

He said: "I'm committed to make sure that clubs don't pay any of these charges."

"I'm encouraged by the fact the majority of assets are under discussion."

Mr Shell said that ultimately the council was not looking to implement the charges but were looking to implement a stimulus to ensure CAT transfers actually happened.

Councillors said the fees hike would only affect

those clubs who are not engaged with the asset transfer process.

Newbridge Fields is to have a separate strategy due to the number of clubs which use its facilities.

Mr Smith said they could be transferred to a town and community council or a sports association, with other places like Maesteg Welfare Park being considered for a similar approach.

He said he was keen to talk to more town and community councils to see if they would be willing to take on facilities.

Mr Shephard spoke of a £1m fund to support CAT transfers in the county, adding it would be replenished once gone.

He said: "This is about a long-term sustainable solution – it's in no-one's interest that it fails."

Speaking after the meeting, Richard Edwards from Bridgend Town Juniors criticised the communication from the council, saying it had been terrible and the local authority should have worked out exact figures for each club first before publishing the proposed figures.

He said: "If you spoke to anyone in any organisation and tell them that it costs £300 per game to provide the pitch and the pavilion, they would fall over laughing."

"The council is saying they've subsidised the cost of running facilities by up to 80 per cent but they haven't – they haven't been subsidising them because they haven't maintained facilities for 30 years."

"I'm 50 and have been playing in Bridgend since I was 20, and there has been no investment in facilities over that time."

"I can't think of one facility that clubs use that would pass health and safety, how can they quote £300 a game – it's nonsense."

"The good news for us is that fees are going to be frozen until they work out what to do with Newbridge Fields."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

'Dam' good talk for history group

BRIDGEND and District Local History Society were treated to a talk from Rob and Ann Taylor about how the famous Dambusters' raids on the Mohne, Eder and Sorpe dams had connections to Wales.

Of the 133 crew who took part in the raid, 23 were either from Wales or were trained in Wales.

Stormy Down was a gunnery school where

men were trained to operate the powered gun turrets on the bombers which were used in the raid, and St Athan was a training station for aeronautical engineers.

Other Welsh connections included Tondur House near Bridgend where the Torpex explosive was developed which was used in the bouncing bombs; and Howarden in Flintshire which was used to modify

the Lancasters to carry the bouncing bomb. Quarter scale dams were constructed on the Nant y Gro Dam in the Elan Valley to test and develop the bouncing bomb to maximise its effect.

Wales played an important part helping to prepare for and carry out this vital raid to help win the war. Tragically, 53 aircrew were killed and three were captured.

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Time for tea at Sker WI

SKER WI members and visitors welcomed guest speaker Pat Richards, whose topic was The Origins of Tea, on November 14.

Mrs Richards was an entertaining and informative speaker who took everyone back to ancient China in her quest to enlighten all on the history of what has become a very British tradition of tea drinking.

From the Japanese tea ceremony to the Boston Tea Party and beyond, the group became more aware of the social and political importance of tea.

Mrs Richards told of the often very poor conditions affecting the predominantly female workers on modern tea plantations.

She explained that

many of the big brands in the tea industry are now working with organisations such as UNICEF in attempts to improve the working conditions of these women.

On a lighter note, Mrs Richards explained the origins of the afternoon tea, from being a way that society ladies could show off their wealth and standing in society through to the modern day special treat.

Mrs Richards finished her talk by treating Sker WI members to their very own 'afternoon tea' with a range of her homemade cakes and sandwiches.

Sker WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm in St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village.

Visitors are welcome. See Facebook SkerWI@nottagevillage for more information.

Youngsters put their craft skills to the test as they mark Remembrance Day



CHILDREN in Oldecastle Primary School participated in a special Remembrance Day on November 8 when they worked to create a wonderful display of poppies.

Youngsters from the age of three to 11 years created poppies from plastic bottles, wove wool onto paper plates, painted pebbles, and made many more items.

The school also engaged with parents and asked them to provide names of relatives who they would like remembered.

These names were displayed on large poppies made by the children in

a breath-taking display.

Parents were invited into school on Friday afternoon to view it all.

"It is important that as a school we pause for days like Remembrance, and come together to thank those who gave their 'today' for us to have a better future. This year our display draws together our collective thanks for all those who served," said Jeremy Malessa-Thompson, headteacher.

All the children in school were able to see the culmination of their work at a special assembly on November 11 when the whole school stood and listened to The Last Post, followed by the observation of a minute's silence.

Blind volunteer wins award for music group



Anne Wilkins received her Volunteer of the Year Award for setting up a music group for blind and partially sighted people in the Bridgend area.

A LOCAL woman has won a Bridgend Volunteer of the Year Award for her tireless work for RNIB Cymru and the BridgeVIS society.

Anne Wilkins (67), has been blind since birth due to retinopathy of prematurity, a condition that can develop in premature babies. Anne is an accomplished musician and soloist, whose musical highlight was winning the David Ellis Memorial Blue Riband at the National Eisteddfod in 2012.

Anne received the award for her many volunteering activities, including setting up a music group for blind and partially

sighted people in Bridgend and teaching Braille classes. She is also a member of an RNIB Task Group which works to improve the accessibility of Braille music.

The awards are organised by the Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) to annually recognise outstanding people and organisations that have made a significant contribution to the local community. The award ceremony was held in Bridgend on November 8.

Anne said: "Music has always been a huge part of my life. I have been singing and playing instruments for almost as long as I can remember, and I am so glad to be able to share my passion with others. It is such a wonderful way

for blind and partially sighted people to connect with each other over a shared hobby."

RNIB Cymru Volunteer Campaign Coordinator Carol McKinlay said: "Anne is a true inspiration. We greatly appreciate Anne's years of hard work and dedication and we are thrilled that her efforts have been recognised with this award." Anne's music group meets every other Saturday at the St John's Ambulance training centre on Minerva Street, Bridgend from 2.30pm until 4pm. Contact Eleanor.rothwell@rnib.org.uk or 02920 828500 if you would like to attend. For more info on volunteering for RNIB Cymru, visit www.rnib.org.uk/volunteering.

Housekeeper cleans up at awards ceremony

A BRIDGEND care home head housekeeper is thrilled to be making a tidy success of the career she loves after scooping a top award at the Wales health care 'Oscars'.

Julie Michael, who describes herself as 'a cleanliness fanatic', was over the moon to sweep up a bronze honour at the 2019 Wales Care Awards presented at Cardiff City Hall.

Julie (58), of Ogmore Vale, Bridgend is head housekeeper at Anwen Care Home, Bridgend. The mother of two and grandmother to three says she is in her element when kept busy dusting, cleaning and facilitating an appealing environment.

She said to be rewarded with a gleaming accolade for doing something she loves was a double bonus.

She described being head housekeeper at Anwen as her dream job and her fastidiousness has not gone unnoticed by colleagues, who say she goes the extra mile to ensure everything is

spick and span for the individuals living with dementia who reside there.

Anwen manager Meriel John feels lucky to have Julie on her team and as a tribute to her commitment, she nominated Julie for an accolade at the Wales Care Awards 2019.

She said: "Julie has an ability to keep all aspects of her role running smoothly and even when the unexpected happens Julie deals with the situation in a calm, professional manner."

"She was an obvious choice for this award and the first choice of the team she works with."

"She is a lovely lady who works with compassion and understanding, is efficient and effective."

The Wales Care Awards recognise outstanding service and high standards of professionalism in the sector.

Julie took the bronze honour in the category for Commitment to Quality in Hospitality, sponsored by Hoop Recruitment and Power Direct.

She said: "I feel very honored to have had



my name put forward. We have a great team at Anwen and it's nice to think the hard work we put in is appreciated." Mario Kreft, Chair of Care Forum Wales, said: "The award ceremony is

Tracey's slimming transformation can help inspire others to follow



ABOVE: Tracey Davies before she lost weight

A HIGHER level teaching assistant who was recently made redundant due to the ever-decreasing budgets in education, took a stand and decided not to let her feelings turn her towards food this time and do something for herself!

Tracey Davies has transformed her life by losing just over three stone and is planning to shape a whole new career helping other people change their lives too.

Tracey said: "Life can be cruel and this was the third time I was being made redundant in four years. When I'm feeling worried, sad, and worthless, like many others I find comfort in food. I couldn't keep going the way I was"

Tracey joined her local Slimming World group in Bridgend five months ago and dropped from 14 stone to under 11 stone.

"I am a mum of two wonderful boys and I have a loving husband but my health was deteriorating. I was overweight, I felt unhealthy and lacked

confidence.

"How was I meant to find a new job feeling like this? My dad lost his job with a redundancy when I was a little girl, and his feelings made him comfort eat and battle with his weight."

"It was like history repeating itself. That was the turning point for me."

Tracey has now trained as a consultant for Slimming World at their national training academy in Derbyshire. Members of the group are getting ready to welcome Tracey when she takes over on November 18.

Tracey said: "I'm so excited to get started. I know how important the support of group was."

"When I first joined Slimming World as a member, I never dreamed that I would end up helping other people to lose weight but actually as a member in group, staying every single week, that is exactly what I have been doing."

"This time as a consultant, it's a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding. I couldn't have lost the weight without the weekly help, encouragement

and understanding of my own consultant and group."

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I ate."

"I thought I was destined to struggle with my weight for the rest of my life, but when I came to Slimming World it was different. I never felt like I was on a diet. I couldn't believe I'd found a way to lose weight without starving myself."

Lorraine Teasdale, who runs Slimming World's Maesteg group and manages Tracey as a team developer, says: "With Tracey's experience of being a successful Slimming World member and her kind and warm personality and great sense of humour, I just know that she'll be an amazing support to members, cheering them all the way to their target weight."

Tracey's Slimming World group will be held at The Bayside Suite, Hi Tide, Porthcawl every Monday at 5.30pm from November 18. For more information call 07467 941278.



ABOVE: Tracey Davies after she lost weight.

St Athan gets ready for the big Christmas lights switch-on!



THE village of St Athan will host its annual Christmas Lights Festivities on Sunday December 1.

From 3pm there'll be free fairground rides, face painting and live entertainment on the stage with a chance to visit Santa in his Grotto (small charge).

St Tathan Church will be organising Christmas Craft activities plus free refreshments – tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies. There'll be a burger van for hot food and snacks and also, for the first time, Lauren's Llantwit Ice Cream Van for crepes, waffles and hot chocolate (with marshmallows...)

Stage entertainers will

include St Athan Youth Band, the Psychedelic Monks, the ATC Choir, Meibion Y Machlud, Patsy Hunt and the fabulous St Athan Primary School Choir (pictured above at last year's event).

Leading up to the magic moment, there'll be a Scout Group Lantern Parade escorting special guests to the stage for the lights to be switched on at precisely 5pm. Former Welsh Rugby Union captain and lock forward Gareth Llewellyn (92 international caps) has agreed to 'Press the Magic Button' and light up the village!

Following this, St Tathan Church will offer a very warm welcome to all for its traditional Christingle Service (it's

also the first Sunday in Advent) while Patsy Hunt will be singing live in the Three Horseshoes. The Christmas Lights Grand Prize Draw will take place at 7pm in the Three Horseshoes before Claire M brings the event to a close.

To keep everyone safe, a short section of Llantwit Road will be closed to traffic – from the junction with Gileston Road to the Warlow Close/Llantwit Gardens Close cross, from 12 noon to 7pm, so if you have friends visiting the area on the day, please advise them that access is via Glyndwr Avenue.

For any further details, please contact the event coordinator Alan Bourne on 07769 977207.

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Nearly 900 attacks on blue-light workers since stricter law came into force

HUNDREDS of emergency service workers were attacked in south Wales since a new law, aimed at handing out stricter sentences to people who assault blue-light staff, came into force.

Some 868 assaults were reported in the 12 months after the law came into effect on November 18 last year with charges being brought in about 62 per cent of cases.

South Wales Police's Chief Constable, Matt Jukes said the number of assaults on emergency personnel who are just doing their job is still unacceptably high.

The act makes attacks on police officers,

paramedics, firefighters and prison officers an aggravating feature in sentencing, and introduced a new offence of minor assaults against emergency workers.

Chief Constable Jukes said: "I am constantly in awe of the dedication, determination and courage shown by our officers and staff who put themselves in harm's way to tackle violent offenders on behalf of others, some of whom are among the most vulnerable in our society."

"But there is never any justification for attacking those who are doing an extraordinary job in keeping south Wales safe."

"Nobody comes to work in order to be punched, kicked, spat at, bitten or

threatened, and yet in too many cases this is exactly what happens."

He added: "Our officers and staff go about their job in an exceptional way, but they are still people like you and I – not punchbags."

"Other emergency personnel, similarly, are committed public servants, and anyone who thinks they have free rein to attack them should expect to be dealt with severely by the criminal justice system."

"The courts now have more power to deal with offenders, but the fact that almost 870 assaults on emergency workers were reported in the last 12 months show there is still some way to go."

Trekkers raise £110,000 for terminal illness charity



A GROUP of 28 fundraisers have raised more than £110,000 for Marie Curie in Wales after trekking through the Vietnamese countryside.

The team, which included Marie Curie

nurses, volunteers and family members of those cared for by the charity, tackled demanding daily hikes, valleys and paddy fields of northern Vietnam. Lisa Richards, a Marie Curie nurse from Rhuddlan was part of the group and has raised more than £7,000 for the charity's services across

Wales. Lisa lost six stone in preparation for the challenge.

"I've worked for Marie Curie for almost 14 years and I am always amazed by the fantastic fundraisers who work tirelessly giving their time and energy to raise money for the charity, so this year I wanted to be a part of that process."

"I was supported every step of the way on the trek by a fantastic group of people who lifted me up when I stumbled and made me feel like I'd known them forever, and I've really made friends for life."

Mariclare Carey-Jones, BBC journalist, broadcaster and ambassador for the charity's Cardiff and the Vale

hospice, took part in the challenge. She said: "As an ambassador for the Marie Curie Cardiff & Vale Hospice I know how important fundraising is. Knowing I could give something back to this fantastic charity that has done so much for me and my family was my main motivation for signing up to the Vietnam trek, while the opportunity to experience a new country and undertake an amazing challenge was a real bonus. I have now completed two overseas treks for Marie Curie and I can't recommend them enough!"

Conquering fears, taking on challenges and celebrating milestones are just some of the reasons people sign up for

an overseas trek to raise funds for Marie Curie. The charity is calling on people to sign up for its next trek to Patagonia, to raise funds for the Marie Curie nursing service across Wales which includes care at patients' homes as well as at the hospice. Last year, Marie Curie nurses cared for more than 3,000 patients and their families across Wales, at a cost of more than £8 million a year.

Hannah Leckie, community fundraiser for Cardiff and the Vale, said: "Our treks are always very popular, whether it's with people looking to take on a new challenge in a beautiful country with stunning landscapes, or those whose family has been cared for at the hospice and want to give something back."

To find out more about the Patagonia trek and to register your place, visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events

Barry Round Table announce Santa Sleigh routes

THE elves from Barry Round Table will announce the route of the Barry Santa Sleigh on Bro Radio, airing on November 23 and 30 from 11am.

The shows will look

back on the organisation's work over the last 12 months.

The sleigh, which has been an annual tradition since 1972 raises money for local good causes in and around Barry.

Funding can be applied for by community groups, organisations or charities via its

website.

Santa's first outing will be at the Holton Road Christmas Lights switch on, when he will visit his grotto on King Square on November 23.

Santa's next stop will be when he helps the High Street Traders with their switch on event on November 29.

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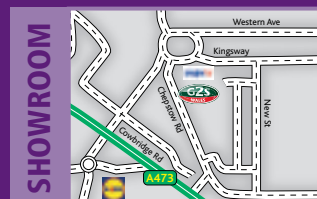


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Cash-strapped pensioners' parliament protest



WOMEN from all across the UK – including South Wales – descended on Westminster earlier this month to protest against changes to their pensions.

A group of MPs joined forces with campaigners for the demonstration which was organised after the government equalised the state pension age for men and women.

Some of the women claim the move has left them facing financial hardship as changes were made with little or no warning - meaning they didn't have time to adjust their retirement plans.

Barry resident Kay Clark, who launched the 1950s Women of Wales and Beyond group, was one of the many women at the

protest on November 5.

She told the GEM: "We had a very successful journey to Westminster and were joined by women from 92 different towns all over the country.

"Women travelled from as far as Scotland and Cornwall to protest yet again about the lack of notice of a huge six year increase to women's state pension age.

"A new proposal was handed to those MPs present for them to think about during the break and we hope to resume our campaign with renewed vigour once Parliament resumes in December."

The protestors stopped traffic outside Parliament during their demonstration and burned an effigy of Guy Fawkes on the

nearby green.

Ms Kay added: "Most poignant of all was the moment we all lined up together in solidarity as we honoured a staggering 82,500 of our dearly departed sisters who have passed away since turning 60 without the pension they had been given to believe would be theirs during the whole of their working lives.

"We left green, white and purple ribbons with their names written on them tied to the railings surrounding Westminster.

"I was asked later how many came to London on the day. Thousands? Hundreds? I answered millions because I am certain they were all with us in spirit along with many more."

Shocking hike in livestock slaughters due to TB cases

W E L S H Conservatives say that damning figures show that the Labour Government's bovine TB policy isn't working.

A record 12,799 cattle – a 28% jump – were slaughtered in Wales because of bovine TB in the year to August, figures from DEFRA released last week state, with one region showing a disturbing 190% leap for animals slaughtered in the same period.

Comparable figures for livestock slaughtered in England show a 1% drop.

In the same period, there was a 7% increase in the number of herds in Wales not officially classified as bovine TB free due to a bovine TB incident.

Comparably, England saw a 6% decrease in herds classified as not officially bovine TB free.

Commenting on the figures, Shadow Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Andrew RT Davies AM said: "These figures will make

for worrying reading for farmers across Wales, many of whom have been – and continue to be – severely affected by Bovine TB. The Welsh Government has been painfully slow to act and this has left many rural businesses across the country in limbo.

"Labour's current approach is expensive, erratic and fails to give farmers confidence that this disease will be eradicated in Wales. Quite rightly, there is a great deal of anger and frustration within the rural community with farmers now at their wits' end. They are doing all that they can by following stringent cattle movement and testing controls, but it's time the Cabinet Minister and her government stepped up to the plate.

"Sadly, the action and measures the government have implemented to date are failing the farming community and a lasting solution is now long overdue."

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Paul Davies AM who represents Preseli Pembrokeshire, added:

"This terrible disease has an enormous impact on our rural communities, especially our farmers who are suffering with their mental health due to the emotional strain and the potential loss of their livelihood.

"The Farmers' Union of Wales has also called on your Government to step up its efforts to tackle this crisis and argue that cattle controls alone are not sufficient. NFU Cymru has urged your Government to look towards our neighbours and to learn the lessons of the eradication strategy there, where the strategy focuses on a partnership approach to tackle the disease in cattle and wildlife.

"Yet while farmers are guardians of the land, they are also business people. Their farms are their livelihoods, and bovine TB affects them, their livestock, their lives and health immeasurably. I – and my Welsh Conservative colleagues in the Assembly – will continue to press this Government to step up its efforts to deal with bovine TB, and get behind our farmers."

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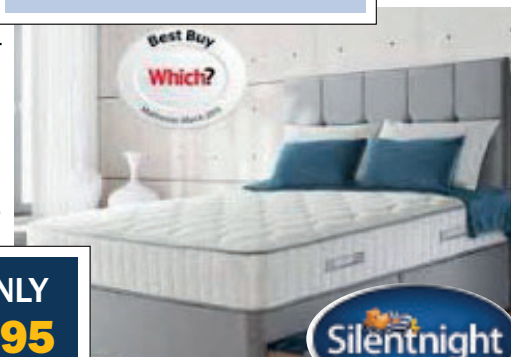
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Archaeologists unearth 'shipwreck' skeletons during Vale dig



SKELETAL remains of at least six individuals from the distant past have been saved from coastal erosion after a team of experts spent eight days excavating the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coastline.

Archaeologists from Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) and Cardiff University teamed up with Natural Resources Wales to excavate the remains eroding from the cliff edge at Cwm Nash.

Initial findings suggest the group may have been victims of shipwreck.

Leader of the excavation for GGAT, Paul Huckfield, said: "This is the largest rescue excavation undertaken in this area and demanded the collaboration of a team of experts to save these remains and to tell the stories of the individuals involved."

Professor of Bioarchaeology Jacqui Mulville, who led the Cardiff University

team, added: "Many of the skeletons have lost bones to the sea, but early analysis of the burial positions of the individuals has been revealing."

"There is a single younger individual, buried away from the rest, with others buried side-by-side or even together in a single grave."

"Our latest thinking is that these are Tudor or Stuart men who may have been the victims of shipwreck. We aim to tell more of their stories and return their identities to them through ongoing post-excavation analysis."

Investigations of two further graves yielded no remains, with coastal erosion the victor.

Previous radiocarbon dating of individuals recovered from the Cwm Nash cemetery has placed those found as late 16th or early 17th century, living in the early modern period of the Tudors and the Stuarts. The earliest burial licence

for the parish of Monkknash, in which the discoveries lay, was granted in 1609.

The intricate excavations were conducted over three days in July and five days in September in changeable conditions along the edge of the eroding cliff.

Professor Mulville led the nine-strong team of Cardiff archaeologists: Adelle Bricking, Ciara Butler, Katie Fallowe, Eirini Konstantinidi, Michael Legge, Hanna-Marie Pageau and Tiffany Treadway (all PhD students) and MSc Archaeological Science student Lois Turnbull, alongside local landowner and archaeologist Dr Richard Hubbard.

Bioarchaeologists at the University will be carrying out detailed analysis of the human remains into 2020.

Preliminary results focused on the first excavated individual were revealed in the eighth series of BBC Four's *Digging for Britain*, which aired on November 20.



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Shoppers urged to support local businesses this Christmas

THE Farmers' Union of Wales is urging shoppers to keep their Christmas shopping local to show support for rural and local businesses.

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "As we speed towards Christmas, I would like to urge you to think about your rural businesses and see if you can buy local, either for the upcoming Christmas dinner or even gifts for family and friends."

"Speak to your local butcher about meat for the Christmas period and see what your local farm shop has to offer."

"I promise you will find many of the ingredients you need for your Christmas dinner right on your doorstep."

"There are also plenty of small shops around that offer Welsh craft and locally designed gifts, and of course the choice for local food gifts is wide."

"It really is worth having a look."

"These are small decisions we can make that will have a big impact on our rural economy."

"A pound spent locally will go much further than a pound spent in a chain store and it keeps our rural economies going."

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bags, helped Gok with a Q&A and welcomed guests.

Their lecturer, Kerry Cameron said: "The students provided excellent customer service and gained lots of valuable experience and benefits from working with Gok and the Beautiful Events and Productions team." Live briefs occur when an external or industry source commission students to undertake a certain task, giving them real and not realistic work experience in their chosen career.

Jessica Giltinan worked as a runner during the show. "It was really good," the 19-year-old fashion student from Barry said. "We all agreed that it was better

than we expected and we were a lot more involved than we thought we were going to be. It gave us a really good insight into what working on a fashion show is like."

Imogen Vaughan, 16 and from Cardiff, had the role of dresser. "It was really nice to see the promotion of different types of body image and it was great to get some experience of working behind the scenes in the fashion industry," she said. "It was fun to learn how to dress models - Gok Wan was fun to be around and all of the models were really nice as well."

'If it ain't broke, don't fix it,' says AM about proposed curriculum changes

WELSH Conservative Shadow Education Minister Suzy Davies has suggested that if the qualifications system in Wales does not need changing, then it should be left as it is.

The comments come as the independent regulator Qualifications Wales has launched a major consultation to find out people's views on the qualifications that will be needed for Welsh Government's proposed new curriculum.

Mrs Davies said: "GCSEs are recognised across the world and parents, teachers, employers and, importantly, young people themselves all understand what GCSEs are and have confidence in the qualifications."

Qualifications Wales has itself urged that GCSEs not to be ditched as they are "...valued and widely recognised".

However, the Future Generations Commissioner has called for the qualifications for 16 and 17 year olds to be scrapped in a move to other forms of assessment.

Mrs Davies added: "What is most important is the content and quality of exams that young people are taking."

"GCSEs have stood the test of time up until now and they can be used for a wide variety of subject and types of assessment."

"This is crucial as it means young people in Wales will be able to see how they compare to their peers and those young people across the border in England as well as around the world."

"The phrase 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' springs to mind."

Mrs Davies has urged as many people as possible to have their say during the 12-week consultation period called 'Qualified for the Future.'

The Shadow Education Minister added: "It is important that Qualifications Wales get views and opinions from as many people as possible so that they can make the best decision on what qualifications look like for the future."

"I would encourage everyone to make sure they have their say."

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT *Holton Road, Barry*

‘Let there be light in Holton Road’, says Nessa

A ‘CHRISTMAS bonanza’ is promised on Holton Road this weekend, with a visit by Santa Claus and his elves, the Christmas lights switch-on, an outdoor cinema, a festive market, live music, street entertainers and a woman who really can claim to be an ‘icon’ of Barry!

It all starts on Friday, November 22, 5pm to 8pm,

when there will be late night shopping, with the added bonus of a Christmas Market. Local shops will be opening late with exclusive offers, food, drinks, entertainment.

On Saturday (November 23) the Christmas lights will be switched by the afore-mentioned Barry icon – Nessa from Gavin and Stacey.

No look-a-like for Holton Road, it's the 100 per cent genuine article – Ruth Jones herself – who will be making the trip to highlight the upcoming Gavin and Stacey Christmas Day special.

That switch-on, at 6pm, is not even the climax of the night, as the family movie, *Home Alone*, will be shown in Central Park. It's free and it begins at 6.15pm.

Leading up to the switch-on, starting at 11am, there will be a Christmas Market with more than 40 stalls, the traders' biggest market to date!

From 11am on Friday, around 40 different businesses will be offering everything from candles to candyfloss.

There will be a host of stalls providing food, including preserves, chutneys, pizza, pies, cupcakes and a hog roast, with others selling cosmetics, clothes, toys, ceramics, jewellery, art, books and much more to help spark gift ideas.

Barry Round Table's Santa and his

helpers will be on King Square to take photos and meet children, and there will be music on the stage and street entertainment throughout the day.

There will also be a fun fair provided by Danter and Sons.

Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders' Association said: "Our Christmas event this year is bigger and better than ever, thanks to the collaboration between Holton Road Traders Association, the Vale Council and Barry Town Council."

Phil Chappell, the Vale Council operational manager for regeneration and planning, said: "This year's Barry Christmas market will be larger than ever with stalls selling a wide variety of seasonal produce."

"Whether you're after the perfect gift or some festive food, there should be plenty of choice on offer, with local legend Nessa switching on the lights before a special showing of *Home Alone*."

"As a council, we have worked hard alongside local traders to encourage people to our town centres. Hopefully, Vale residents will come out in force to enjoy what promises to be a magical weekend and really give these businesses a boost. This is just one of a series of Christmas events the council is supporting in the run up to the festive season."

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Funeral Service believes in listening to families

THE funeral directors Robert D Johnson have been in Holton Road for two-and-a-half years now, and has thrived due to the determination to provide value for money.

Robert said: "It is all about listening to families, and doing your best to provide what will make them comfortable. It often involves

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In fact, Robert D Johnson is now an agent for Memoria, a company that is offering 'straight to crematorium' funerals, which cost from £1,100 (terms and conditions apply). Surprisingly, interest in this type of funeral has surged since the death of David Bowie. Bowie chose to be cremated as soon as

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Historic chapel up for sale

THE iconic chapel opposite the library on King Square in Barry has been put up for sale.

Like many other churches in Barry, the congregation has dwindled and has found it difficult to look after the building. Tabernacle is the last Welsh language chapel in Barry.

The church will look back with pride at the chapel's contribution to the life of the town, as well as the spiritual life of the church. In 1976 Morning Worship on ITV was broadcast live throughout the UK from Tabernacle, and it has featured on the BBC and S4C.

Over the years it has hosted many musical events, particularly at Christmas time, and in 2011-2012, the National Eisteddfod Choir held all its weekly rehearsals there.

The church was first established on this site in a tin shed on April 20, 1890 by 40 people who came to live in Barry and were previously members at Bethel, Penarth.

The churches at Tabernacle and Bethel Penarth have come together

again in recent times for the ministry of the Reverend Kevin Davies.

The original building cost £285! £85 was collected on the day the church was established. The present building was erected in 1894 and the gallery was built in 1914 to cope with the increased membership.

In 1924 the pipe organ was built and installed and the musical reputation of the church was established. Descendants of some of those early pioneers were worshipping in the chapel a hundred years later.

In 1899, Rev Ben Evans became the minister of Tabernacle and during his time, church membership grew to over 400. He played a large part in the civic life of Barry and was a strong advocate of temperance.

His son, Dan Evans, established a store in the town and played an active role in the cultural and political life of Barry. Ben Evans' grandson, Gwynfor Evans, became the first Plaid Cymru Member of Parliament and his great grandchildren are members of the church today.

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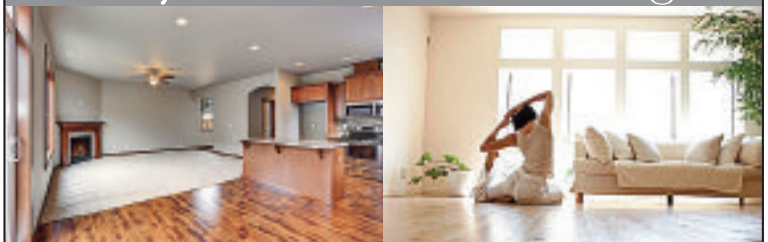
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Chief Executive Leanne Herberg said: "We hope that the

accreditation will help to further advance our ambitions for more local people to use us for ethical personal loans, and also for more employers to partner with us, encouraging financial wellbeing in the workplace."

The accreditation comes as part of a strategy to grow the credit union's profile in the capital, which will include the opening of a city centre branch in early 2020, and improved digital access to services.

Don't forget roses in autumn tidy-up

AS you cut back the last of your summer-flowering perennials, you may want to prune some of your roses too.

You may have done the last weeding of the year and neatened the edges on your borders – but what about your roses?

While many gardeners traditionally prune their roses in late winter or early spring, it is possible to tidy them up in autumn, especially if you want a neat framework in place for next year.

Established climbing roses will benefit from pruning from autumn to early spring. Cut back old unwanted stems to 30cm (12in) above ground level, thinning out crossed stems and congested growth before tying in the new season's stems. Remember that when you are making a cut above a bud, that bud will grow in the direction in which it is pointing. When training the new stems on to horizontal wire, create an evenly spaced fan of around half a dozen stems from which the new flowering shoots will grow. In spring, you can again cut

the sideshoots back to two or three buds from the main stem and tie in any further upright shoots which have developed.

Shrub roses can be trimmed back so the longer stems aren't damaged by windrock to get the bushes into a good shape. You'll get just as good a show of roses whether you cut off the top of the bush using a hedge trimmer or prune in the traditional way, removing individual stems. Remove damaged and diseased leaves and faded flowers, but don't deadhead roses which are going to produce hips, to add colour to the winter garden. If you grow tall, unstaked roses in a windy spot, it's advisable to cut back the shoots by a quarter to a third to stop windrock loosening the roots in the soil. Other roses can be left until late winter or early spring, cutting out the dead and damaged wood before pruning the stems you want to keep by two thirds. Look out for suckers at the base of the plants and pull them away from the parent plant rather than cutting them off, which may leave dormant buds at the base of the shoot.

Cosmology Corner Sir Edmund Halley's Great Prediction

I HAVE found inspiration for many of these features in the birth anniversaries of some of the world's greatest scientists.

Born in London on November 8 in 1656, Edmund Halley was a contemporary and friend and colleague of Sir Isaac Newton. He contributed to Newton's development of his theory of gravity which demonstrated that we live on a planet which orbits the Sun, founding the modern era of science. In Halley's time, although comets were a known occasional phenomenon visible in the night sky, they were thought of as passing just once through our solar system on parabolic orbits which would fling them away from the solar system once they had passed round the Sun. No-one dreamed that some of them might be returning over and over. In his book, Halley described the parabolic orbits of 24 comets that had been observed from 1337 to 1698. Using Newton's theory of gravitation, however, Halley found that the three

historic comets of 1531, 1607 and 1682 had such remarkable similarities in their orbits that they were likely successive returns of the same celestial visitor. Noting that the periods separating the appearances of these three comets were both between 75 and 76 years, Halley had his own 'eureka' moment and made a leap: he claimed that these supposedly three comets must in fact be a single comet, not on a parabolic orbit – but on an elliptical orbit which returns periodically every 76 years. He then made the stunning prediction that the comet would return, saying: "Hence I dare venture to foretell, that it will return again in the year 1758."

In 1720 Halley was appointed the second Astronomer Royal, succeeding John Flamsteed who he met while at Oxford. Regrettably, Halley did not live to see his prediction verified, but 16 years after his death, right on schedule in 1758, the comet which now famously bears his name did indeed return. The scientific world, and the public, were amazed. During its last appearance

in Earth's skies in 1986, thanks to the predictability of its orbit Halley's comet was met in space by a fleet of spacecraft which provided the first observational data on the structure of a comet nucleus and the mechanics of the coma and tail formation. We now know that comets are small icy, solar system bodies in highly elliptical orbits that, when passing close to the Sun, warm and begin to release gases which produce a visible atmosphere, or coma, and sometimes also a tail. Their cores range from a few hundred metres in diameter to tens of kilometres across and are composed of a loose collection of ice, dust and rocky particles, commonly described as 'a dirty snowball'. Their tails may stretch up to a hundred million miles across the night sky.

For those of us who may still be around, Halley's comet will be back in our skies during 2061.

Norman Lloyd

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Llantwit Major **ALIVE WITH LIGHTS** this Christmas

Come to the bright lights of Llantwit Major!

THERE are so many reasons to visit Llantwit Major at any time of year, but during the festive season there are a whole lot of extras.

The pace of life is calmer, and you can take your time when out

browsing for presents. Llantwit also offers a number of excellent places to stop and take a break – with a wide range of cafes,

pubs, and restaurants. And of course, there is the history to be found in the old town centre, all so close together and with St Illtud's Church and the Galilee Chapel at its centre.

This year, on Saturday, November 30, the highlight of the pre-Christmas build-up will be the switching-on of the town's Christmas lights, and there will be extra lights this year, as the Vale Council's Regeneration Team has successfully applied for funding from the Welsh Government.

Leading up to the

lights switch on, which this year will be done by TV chefs Sam and Shauna from the Hangfire Smokehouse (the town's Christmas committee has organised a 'Festival of Lights' – including a lantern parade through the town, and in the town hall, Santa will be in his grotto from 2pm.

The lantern parade will start at 5.15pm, while the lights switch on will be at 6pm. In and around the town hall, there will be a snow machine, mulled wine, carol singing and an indoor market.

Elsewhere in the

town, around the shopping precinct, the local events committee has arranged more attractions and activities.

There will be children's entertainers and fairground rides, and a stage area where local choirs and bands will be playing.

There will be craft stalls, and the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be making their famous burgers, with the proceeds going to charity.

Also, between 10am and 6pm, there will be a charity raffle, and another way is there to build activity planned is a up to Christmas than 'snowman treasure hunt' by getting a good dose of presents for disadvantaged children and young



people in the Vale. designed to show off Also, between 10am all that the town has to and 6pm, there will be a offer, and what better charity raffle, and another way is there to build activity planned is a up to Christmas than 'snowman treasure hunt' by getting a good dose of presents for disadvantaged children and young

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Christmas bouquets from Pastures Green in Llantwit

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Christmas bouquets will be available

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The Atig, bringing craft beer to Llantwit Major

HIDDEN away up an unassuming staircase, above the popular Coast cafe in Poundfield Shopping Centre is the newest addition to Llantwit Major, the Atig.

Specialising in craft beers and spirits from a range of breweries and distilleries across Wales, the UK and from further afield, The Atig showcases some fantastic independent producers and provides a quirky yet cozy atmosphere to enjoy

some quality drinks. On November 29, in the pipeline – as well as the promise of mulled wine and Christmas festivities, The Atig is well worth a visit.



Uno's first Christmas in Llantwit

ONE business that will be spending its first Christmas in Llantwit Major is Uno's, which specialises in all types of pet food.

It was 11 months ago that Gavin Jones and Anna Caldon took over the business in the centre of town. It was a pet shop before, but they have put their own stamp on it.

This Christmas, they will be offering premium Nordmann Fir trees, in a full

range of sizes, with free local delivery. The trees arrive next

Monday (November 25).

Also with Christmas in mind, they are stocking a full range of festive food treats for all pets.

Anna said: "Another thing we have introduced is to supply feed loose whenever possible.

"This is, of course, better value, but it also saves on packaging. Bird seed is particularly popular when sold in this way."



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now call into the store and enjoy one of our new Costa Coffees and a pastry or morning roll from our new instore bakery.

For lunch, you could try some product from our new Daily Deli, offering all the usual favourites including pasties, pies, sandwiches, baguettes and vegan sausage rolls.

As the night rolls in, we have some fantastic award-winning Spar meals, fresh meat, produce and bakery to fill that hunger gap on the way home from work or the pub.

Conveniently located in the middle of town, Llantwit Major Spar is back better than ever with a range that would satisfy all your needs from 6am right through until 10pm every day of the week.

Why not pop in and see what Spar can do for you?

Seven years at Plaza Toymaster

WE celebrate our seventh birthday at Plaza Toymaster this Christmas.

After trading for many years as Rainbow Plaza, the toy department moved to its current premises in the Poundfield Precinct.

In 2015, we won our first accolade, Best Independent Toy Retailer against some wonderful toyshops at the Progressive Preschool Awards in London.

People who have visited the store for the first time are often surprised at how such a relatively small store in a small town belies the large range of toy categories and brands we stock.

From evergreen ranges such as Playmobil, Sylvanian Families, Schleich, Hornby, Airfix and an extensive range of Lego, through to more up to date trends such as L.O.L. dolls, Pokemon, Fortnite

toys, plus many more.

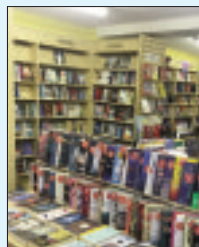
This is now the time of year when stores release their top 10 predictions or 'Dream Toy' lists for Christmas, and I'm often asked my opinion on the matter. Being an independent toy retailer as opposed to a multiple chain of stores, our expectations can, and often do, differ.

However, this year I don't think I'll be too wide off the mark by saying L.O.L. OMG Dolls, Nerf Fortnite guns and this year's top game going to either Harry Potter Dobbie or Stranger Things Monopoly.

So if traipsing through town on a winter's day or visiting national stores where their sheer scale numbs your mind isn't your thing, try your friendly local toyshop. Even Aladdin's cave didn't have this many toys!



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The changing face of boutiques!

WE all love quirky and **individual** stores and **boutiques**, **but** if the idea of **boutique** **clothes** shopping leaves you **cold** because of **eye-watering** **prices**, you're not alone!

accessories and gifts – although on **trend** and beautifully cut – will all be **priced** under £50, even the **cashmere**, **angora** and **wool** blends.

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One of the few positives to emerge **from** the current retail turmoil has **been** a focus on delivering what **customers** actually want, not just **the** aspirations of boardrooms or **business** owners.

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Find our store Between Filco **and** Co-Op In Llantwit Major, **with** free parking. See our new **lines** on Facebook or Instagram **(Sloanandcompany)** or Google **Sloan+Llantwit**.

The place for Christmas

CHRISTMAS is synonymous **with** roaring wood burners, **great** food, beer and fine wine, **not** to mention festive cheer and **laughter**.

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Soak up the magical decorations **and** atmosphere which are not to be **missed**, with every visit; you will spot **something** new that you missed on your **previous** visit.

The Victoria Inn, which is still family-**owned** and run, is a must if you wish **to** get into the Christmas festive mood.

To view the festive menus, visit **www.victoriainnsingingstone.com**, call **01446 773943**, or email **info@victoriainnsingingstone.com**.

Microblading at Sunkissed

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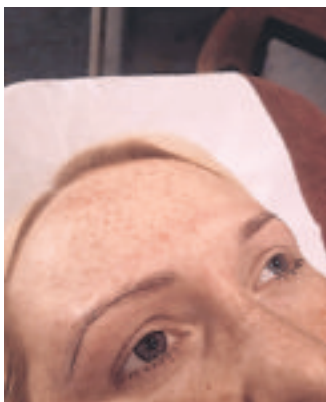
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With over 50 stalls to browse, including a number of first-time exhibitors such as Boho Buffalo, Chris Short Woodwork, Seren Willow and The Welsh Cheese Company, you're sure to find that extra special Christmas present. The Christmas Fair takes place in the grounds of St Donat's Castle and Arts Centre. Younger visitors can enjoy face painting, Christmas crafts and not forgetting that all important chance to meet Santa in his grotto too. In addition to creative craft and food stalls, live music will be performed by the talented students of UWC Atlantic. In The Glass Room Café overlooking the sea, you can take a break from shopping and enjoy a range of festive refreshments or if you prefer something a bit different, head outside to the street food pop-ups. For a fantastic festive family day out, wrap up warm and head to St Donat's Castle for this one day only event, 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday, December 1.



What's on, and where?

Quiz at Llantwit Major

QUIZ Night at Llantwit Major Library is on Friday, November 22 from 7pm to 9pm. Booking required; call into the library. Entry is £2, with raffle and a bar.

Christmas Bazaar

A CHRISTMAS Bazaar will take place at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, November 23 from 10am to noon. Christmas raffle (includes prizes from local businesses), Bric a Brac/jewellery and craft stalls, etc.

Santa comes to Bridgend!

SANTA and his reindeer will arrive in Bridgend on November 23 in his Carnegie House grotto for four Saturdays: November 23 and 30, December 7 and 14.

£6 per child per visit, plus quality gift; free craft tables for those children waiting to see Santa. Bookings in advance at www.carnegiehouse.co.uk or at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street Bridgend from 10am to 4pm each Saturday apart from the first Saturday, which will be 12 noon to 4pm. Proceeds to local charities by Bridgend Lions Club.

Trager System and Tai Chi

THE Inner Peace and Fitness Pilates Studio is hosting a free talk and demonstration of tai chi and the Trager system.

The Trager method is a gentle process inducing deep relaxation and is effective for pain management and those suffering PTSD. The talk will take place at Inner Peace Pilates Studio, Chapel Mews, Chapel Lane, Bridgend on Saturday, November 23 at 12pm.

For more details contact Lynn Gordon on 07944 139286 or email: lynnngordon88@gmail.com.

Penarth and District Ramblers

ON November 23, the planned walk at Bedwas is cancelled, but instead there is a railway ramble to Merthyr Tydfil for the 11-mile easy walk along the historic Trevithick Trail back to Abercynon for the train ride home.

Trains leave Barry at 9am, Cogan at 9.15am, Cardiff Central at 9.26am to arrive 10.33am at Merthyr; contact Sheila on 07932 523 415 for further information.

History Society exhibition

RHOOSE and District History Society will hold an exhibition of hundreds of photographs from Rhose and surrounding villages on Saturday, November 23 at Rhose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose.

Doors will open at 10.30am until 4pm, entry £1 to include some refreshments.

Craft sale

FRIENDS of Penarth Library will hold a craft sale at the library in Stanwell Road on Saturday, November 23, 10am-1pm; all welcome.

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge ward members on the Vale Council, hold a surgery on Saturday, November 23, 11am-12.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall (west door); appointments not necessary.

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- ✓ Entertainment on one evening
- ✓ Excursion to Brighton

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Tony Yates takes Kia's XCeed car for a spin

Here's what he made of the motor

FOR me, the XCeed is one of the most comprehensively equipped models in the Ceed family.

The new XCeed has an extensive package of comfort, convenience, connectivity and safety, which is why I like it so much.

This car makes a statement about the person you are. It also makes you feel happy when you drive it, and it makes you feel happy when you remember you have the assurance of the Kia brand right by your side.

Power and Efficiency:

THE XCeed I had on test was powered by a 998cc 3 cylinder petrol engine that develops 118bhp and 172 Nm of torque, which I have to say feels lively and is more than happy to blast down the motorway or rumble around on the urban towns.

Actually, the XCeed exceeded all my expectations when it came to helping me save fuel and make my normal boring school run just that little bit easier. The XCeed also achieved 50 mpg on the combined cycle which was quite impressive.

Maximum speed also comes in at around 115mph, followed by a 0-62 time of 10.9s.

On the road:

I EXPECTED it to be good, and I wasn't disappointed.

The ride height is just about right, as is the suspension setup. Kia always seems to get it just about right most of the time and, I felt the ride quality in the XCeed was everything I wanted

it to be.

Now, for some, they might consider the ride to be a little on the 'firm' side – but to me, it felt sturdy and poised. No dramas to talk about, just a fantastic amount of grip in and out of every corner.

Plus if you go in a little heavy, you can be assured the XCeed will keep you firmly planted to the tarmac ahead.

Design and Technology

ON the inside, the interior is very good, and all the dials are easy to read.

Plus all the vehicle controls are well set out.

The seats are comfy and there was a nice finish to the interior. It's not perfect in some areas, but show me a car that gets everything right, and I will quit writing altogether. I actually don't care if the plastic is a little rough to the touch – because for me it's about the package as a whole and what the XCeed can offer the modern driver.

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Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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JONES

Viola (Lola)

Peacefully on 10th November at Barry Community Hospital, Lola, devoted wife to the late George, much loved mum of Pat, Ron and the late David. A cherished gran and great-gran to all her grandchildren.

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For further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

BROWN

Jean Maud (née Price)

Peacefully at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on Wednesday, 13th November 2019, surrounded by her family. Jean of Heol Ganol, Sarn. Devoted wife of the late Gordon. Much loved mum of Christopher. Loved and respected mother-in-law of Susan. Loving and proud nanny of Joanna and Gemma and great-nan of Morgan and Lucy. A dear sister sadly missed.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 29th November 2019 at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request, but donations in lieu will be gratefully received for The Salvation Army and may be sent direct to The Salvation Army, 63B Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1LT. All enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch, Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel: 01656 653156

CAWLEY

Janet Elizabeth

31st March 1949 to 11th November 2019
Friends and family are invited to attend Jan's funeral service on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019 at 1pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Barry. The service will be a celebration of Jan's life; informal dress preferred.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired to Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD Charity). You can donate directly from your bank to their bank account at CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank Ltd. Sort code: 40-52-40. Acct: 00017357. By post, a cheque made out to PKD Charity to: PKD Charity, 91 Royal College St, London, NW1 0SE or c/o W. James & Sons, Funeral Director, Chapel of Rest, Fonmon, CF62 3BJ.

WILLIAMS

Keith Ivor

Peacefully on 8th November at the University Hospital of Wales, Keith, beloved husband to the late Violet (Vi). Loving dad of Cheryl, Julie and Steven. Cherished father-in-law of Michael, Junior and Jan. An adored grandad to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Keith will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 25th November at 2pm. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made to the service to support The British Lung Foundation in memory of Keith.

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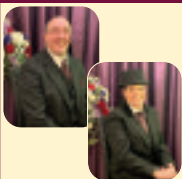
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DAUNCEY

Margaret Mary (Topsy)

Peacefully on 12th November, Topsy of Cowbridge; beloved wife of the late Ken, loving mother of the late Pamela and dear mother-in-law of Paul.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Wednesday, 27th November, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon, where friends please meet.

Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

VERLING

Ellen (née Power)

On 6th November 2019, aged 83 years, devoted wife to the late John Patrick. Mother to Catherine Ann, Francis John and Mary Christina. Loving nanny to Siobhan, Benedict and Gabrielle.

Ellen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the Requiem Mass at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 26th November at 10.30am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only.

BISS

Mary Isabelle (née Hobbs)

Peacefully passed away on her mother's birthday, 14th November at Orchard House Residential Home, Colcot Road, Barry. Dear wife to the late Eddie, sister to the late Jean and Graham, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt.

She will be missed by all.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, in the care of Lyndsay Ellis until the funeral service on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am.

Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research in memory of her husband Eddie.

Family Notices

DOWELL
Freddie

Peacefully at Baltimore House Nursing Home, Barry, Freddie, beloved husband of the late Christine. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel on Thursday, 28th November at 1.30pm, followed by interment. No Flowers by request.

WILLIAMS
Brian Edward

(ex Coal Trimmer)
Beloved husband of Dorothy (Dolly). Devoted father of the late Duane, Brian and Hayley and their partners Alyson and Tony. Adored grandfather and great-grandfather. Much loved by all of the family. God bless xxx

WELLS
Maureen Olive
(née Thomas)

Passed away suddenly on 6th November 2019, aged 77 years. Devoted wife to Mike, loving mother to Dawn and the late Debbie, mother-in-law to Huw, cherished grandmother and great-grandmother. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our chapel on Thursday, 28th November at 10am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Flowers may be sent directly to the Funeral Home.

BONIFACE
Michael John

Died suddenly at home on Wednesday, 6th November, aged 64 years. Sadly missed so much by his wife Alison who he adored and his children Mishelle, Matthew and Leigh, who he was so proud of. Also, his awesome grandchildren Jaxon, Isabella, Bear, Alice, Bree, Troy and Rain, who he loved being with. He will also be missed by Alice, his 94 year old mother-in-law, who he cared for. Also, family and friends too many to mention. Funeral service at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 29th November at 11am, followed by a celebration of his life at Porthkerry Lodge. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made to the Cardiff Samaritans.

OSBORNE
Sidney Gerald
(Sid)

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Sid, well known of Llantwit Major on 15th November. A beloved husband to the late Betty, loving dad of Simon and Jeremy. A special father-in-law of Julie and Heather, adored grandad of Sam, Matthew, Jacob, Grace and Megan. Sid will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends. Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Home, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of Sid's life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 2nd December at 10am. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service in aid of The Alzheimer's Society in memory of Sid.

MILES
Edmund Hywel

(Auctioneer & Chartered Surveyor)
Died peacefully at The Manor House, St Hilary on 5th November 2019, aged 81 years, after many years of suffering with Lewy body dementia. Treasured husband of Anne, a Dad Annwyl Eleri. Beloved brother and uncle. Special thanks to our second family at The Manor House for their care, love and support since March 2016. Burial at the Cardiff & Vale Natural Meadow at Coedardhydyglyn, St Nicholas at 1pm on Monday, 25th November. We would very much appreciate all present to join the family at The Vale Hotel for refreshments and shared memories of Edmund. We would welcome donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired to either Dementia or Parkinson Charities. Resting in the care of W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

JENKINS
Colin David Owen

On 15th November 2019
Loved by Iso, Jenny, Joel, Robin, Jonas, Bia, Gabriel, Little Joel, Hal, Rosa and Raph. His Funeral will be held at Atlantic College at 1.30pm on Saturday, 30th November 2019, followed by burial at St Donat's Church. All are welcome. Please no flowers. W. James & Sons, Funeral Directors, Fommon.

PINCHBECK
Christopher

Sadly on 30th October 2019, Chris passed away, aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Diana, devoted father of Nikki and Andrew. Dear father-in-law of Richard and Rachel, much loved bampi of Connor, Luke, Charlie and Bethan and fondly missed by Billy the black lab. Funeral Friday, 22nd November, service and committal at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Alzheimer's Society c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

WILLIAMS
Esther

Peacefully on 13th November at Island View Care Home, aged 87 years. Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A Service to celebrate Esther's life will take place on Friday, 6th December at 12 noon at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors or donations may be made in memory of Esther at the service to Alzheimer's UK. For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

GREGORY
Rita

Sadly passed away peacefully on Friday, 8th November 2019. Rita will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe on Friday, 6th December at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice either at the service or c/o the funeral director @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry

JAMES

Ann Hilton (née Sweet)
Peacefully at home with her family on 15th November 2019, aged 88 years. Cherished wife of Graham, mother to Ian and the late Michael. Grandmother to Madeline, Hazel, Michelle, Jemma, Hope and Ferdinand. Great-grandmother to Bethan, Oliver, Ryan, Natasha, Harrison and Caitlin. Ann taught in many Barry schools throughout her career and was headmistress of Gladstone Primary School. She was a long-serving member and previous president of Soroptimist International. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 2nd December at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Children In Need at the service.

Acknowledgements

PETER
Steve
(Lovely Boy)

Margaret and family wish to thank family, friends and relatives for attending Steve's funeral on 24th October, and for the kind messages, cards and generation donations to Marie Curie.

Birthday Memories

Birthday Memories
HARRISON
Betty

23rd November
Birthday memories of a dear mum and grandmother this, your 100th Birthday. Thinking of you today and everyday. Love always Margaret, Selby and family xxx

Birthday Memories
LAWRENCE
Evelyn (née Connors)

25th November
No special cards today Evelyn, on your 60th Birthday. You will never be forgotten, thinking of you all the time and the brave thing you did. All our love forever, Mam, Shirley, Andrew, nieces, nephews & cousins xxx

Birthday Memories
WORSWICK
Natalie Anne

Time slips by and life goes on,
But from our hearts you're never gone.
We think about you always,
We talk about you too,
We have so many happy memories,
But we wish we still had you.
All our love Nats,
Mum, Dad & families xxx

Thank You

Thank You**Derrick & Margaret**

Would like to thank everyone who helped Derrick when he fell on Friday, 15th November outside Lloyds Bank, Llantwit Major, the staff who were particularly helpful and everybody else who stayed with him.. Much appreciated.

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2003

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A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.
Signed: **Conjun Han**
Date: 14/11/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT
2003

To whom it may concern:
I/We, **A&J Gin Bars Ltd**, do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the variation of a premises licence at 8 Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth, CF64 3ED known as **Gin 64**. The application is to vary the licence on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday to open at 12:00 and close at 00:30**.

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Signed: **AJ Boucher**
Date: 11/11/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT
2003

To whom it may concern:
I, **Vivienne Cafaro**, do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the variation of a premises licence at 82 High Street, Barry, CF62 7DX known as **Paletta Pizzeria**. The application is to vary the licensed hours, to be **Monday to Sunday, open 10:00 to 23:00**.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

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Signed: **Vivienne Cafaro**
Date: 13/11/2019

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Brynhill ladies' presentation



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A PRESENTATION evening took place on November 9 for the lady golfers of Brynhill.

The presentation cups were polished and sparkling, ready to be filled with a concoction of drinks by the winners!

The club vice captain Alan Sweeney and the ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick introduced the evening by observing a minute's silence in memory of all those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The Ladies' captain presented the prizes to all winners and runners-up.

The Ladies' Championship was won by Claire Downton, runner-up Sam Pascoe; the Diack Trophy to Lisa Taylor, runner-up Helena

Coombes; Crystal Cup Trophy: Suzanne Bounds, runner-up Hilary West; Lady Golfer of the Year: Linda Hewlett; Jenny Williams Award: Chris Hopkins, and the Past Captain's Memorial Winner was Carole Allen.

Barry and District News Cup: Lisa Taylor; Lady Reardon Smith Silver Salver: Andrea Page and Lisa Taylor, runners-up Chris Hopkins and Helena Coombes.

Rose Bowl Par: Ann Phillips, runner-up Jane Phillips; Rabbits & Tigers: Olwen Thomas and Jo Hopkins, runners-up Linda Hewlett and Diane Tapscott; Bob Hope Rose Bowl: silver Claire Downton, bronze Lisa Taylor, John Collins Cup: Andrea Page,



Lady Golfer of the Year winner Linda Hewlett and Jo Kirkpatrick

Glynis Gould runner-up. Parkstone Cup: Robbie Lee, runner-up Jen Pugh.

Junior Gold Cup was won by Sam Pascoe and Carole Allen, runners-up Linda Lloyd and Liz Taylor; Dr Owen Cup: Jane Phillips, runner-up Suzanne Bounds; Peggy Lane Cup: Linda Hewlett, runner-up Sam Pascoe; Winifred Clode Cup: Sam Pascoe, runner-up Linda Hewlett; Gloucester Bowl: Lily Mae O' Carroll, runner-up Linda Lloyd; Jo Whitehouse Cup: Sam Pascoe, runner-up Jane Phillips.

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Foursomes Knockout: Linda Hewlett and Robbie Lee, runners-up Julie Harkin and Maria Gentile; Superbowl: Robbie Lee, runner-up Lisa Taylor; Superbowl Plate: Jen Pugh; Barbara White Scroll: Andrea Page; Graham Cup: Linda Hewlett; Consolation Trophy: Liz Taylor, runner-up Hilary West.

JMK

Bridgend Athletic age groups rugby news

ALL 11 Athletic age groups were in action on a cold, but dry, November 17.

Under-7: On a crisp Sunday morning, the Ath '7s travelled to Llantwit Fardre. A new experience for the boys playing on a 4G pitch, with no mud and puddles the boys could show their passing and handling skills. Some great handling and tries scored by the boys who enjoyed playing with smiles on their faces, despite their cold hands!

Under-7: On October 17, Kenfig Hill under-7s hosted a Bridgend Athletic team. A game of four 10-minute quarters was played, after both teams warmed up on what was a cold November morning. It was pleasing to see both sides playing some open rugby running into lots of space resulting in a lot of great tries scored by several individuals on both sides. Thank you to Kenfig Hill who organised a brilliant morning of rugby and to the parents and coaching staff of Bridgend Athletic under-7s for their continued support. Finally, well done to the players who have bags of enthusiasm and once again have made improvements in several areas.

Under-8: Bridgend Athletic under-8s had two fixtures on November 17. The Greens were away against Kenfig Hill and the Golds were home against Porthcawl. In true tag spirit no scores were kept. Both teams showing great improvement and work ethic. Next up is a trip to Baglan.

Under-9s: November 17 saw Bridgend Athletic under-9s on the road. The Greens took the short trip West to Kenfig Hill to find themselves up against a physically imposing opposition side. The Ath were not at all phased by the larger Kenfig team and instead put into practice the defence play worked on in training, pulling off tackle after tackle. Thanks to a huge defensive effort, the visitors held their own and at the break were still in the game with a narrow 4 tries to 2 deficit.

After the break the visitors got the upper hand, running in four second half tries to their opponents two.

Although their passing game wasn't quite up to scratch on the day, the visitors were able to grind out a well-deserved 6-6 draw by virtue of their

impressive defensive performance. The Yellows were away to Barry RFC and took on three teams fielded by the hosts.

The powerful home sides brought a physicality not yet experienced by the Ath this season. The visitors, however, took it in their stride and proved more than a match for their opponents' big ball carriers.

Despite having to be more organised in defence and stronger in the tackle, the Ath still managed to play their exciting brand of free-flowing rugby. Their passing and offload-ing game is becoming a feature of their play that not only is exciting to watch, but also challenging for their opponents to defend against.

Now playing regularly together, the Yellows have gelled nicely, displaying great teamwork and cohesion in their performances.

The three matches played resulted in one comfortable 9-1 victory and two narrow 4-5 defeats. Being on the wrong end of a number of tight decisions proved the only difference between the Ath and the home sides on the day.

Under-10: Bridgend Athletic RFC under-10s were away at Kenfig Hill. The Ath players need to start their games with more urgency, too often they are taking too long getting into games. Kenfig Hill looked up for it from the start but despite the Ath's slow start, they soon took control and outscored Kenfig Hill 8 tries to 2, winning 40-10.

Try scorers were Ethan Davies 3, Dylan Jones 2, Efan Duncan 2 and Dylan Hopkins.

Under-11: The Ath's under-11s travelled to Kenfig Hill this week for what proved to be a tough game throughout. Both teams played some eye catching rugby, but the Ath saw themselves four tries to two up early in the second half with a try from Jackson and a hat trick of tries from Oliver Williams.

Kenfig Hill came back strong and in fairness didn't drop their heads with a couple of tries from their forwards bringing it back to four apiece.

The Ath fought on but a couple of poor decisions allowed the Kenfig Hill backs to take advantage and score a further two tries making the final result Kenfig Hill 6, Ath 4; a bitter pill to swallow, but

some valuable lessons learnt.

Under-12: The under-12s welcomed Tondy to Newbridge fields on a bright dry morning. The game started at the usual Ath frantic pace, with the boys putting pressure on Tondy from the off. It wasn't long before the first try was scored and from that point on the boys continued to dominate all aspects of the game. The second half saw Tondy apply some pressure on the Ath, but the boys found another gear and dominated the contact area. Final score: Ath 44 - Tondy 0. We welcome the return fixture next week in the Ospreys cup.

Under-13: The Ath welcomed local rivals Tondy to Newbridge Fields for the late Sunday kick off.

An under-strength home team fielded a side missing several key players due to injury with several walking wounded being patched up pitch side.

Tondy started at breakneck speed and raced into a 19-0 lead after just ten minutes with three tries from their right winger. The Ath pulled a score back when winger Lewis Stephens outpaced his opposite number to touch down in the corner.

Despite the home team's best efforts, the injuries were taking their toll with players falling off tackles. Tondy scored a further two tries before half time to take the score to 5-31 at the break.

The second half started well for the Ath with three tries in 8 minutes. Winger Will Jones scoring straight from kick off, Lewis Stephens with his second of the match and a further try from Will Jones just minutes later to take the score to 22-31.

That was as good as it got for the Ath as fatigue set in. What has been a great contest up to this point quickly turned around as Tondy killed the game off with three more tries in the final quarter.

Great credit to the Ath boys who gave everything against a very strong Tondy team, especially those who played on in pain.

Final score: The Ath 22, Tondy 48.

Under-14: The Ath under-14s welcomed unbeaten Tondy to the A48 pitch on Sunday. Tondy brought a strong looking team, with the Ath hampered by a few missing key players.

Tondy started off the stronger and raced into a 10-0 lead, but from then on, the Ath put in a spirited performance

putting Tondy under real pressure with their defence and skill at the ruck.

The Ath created several scoring opportunities, while having the upper hand in territory but were unable to take them. Just before half time, a significant arm injury was sustained by Harvey Tooze, the Ath scrum half and we all wish him well with his recovery.

This injury meant a few more positional changes to the Ath team heading into the second half but it didn't stop the Ath starting that half on top. For the first 10 minutes it looked like it would be the Ath who would score first, but again we weren't clinical enough.

Once Tondy ran nearly the length of the pitch to create quick ball to score their third try, it was game over for the Ath and Tondy then ran in a further three tries in quick succession.

The under-14s didn't let their heads drop and were unlucky to come away without scoring. However, they were outdone on the day by a clinical Tondy team who took every opportunity that came their way.

Under-15: Bridgend Athletic 15s played Maesteg Celtic in the Ospreys cup. A tough game today against one of the strongest teams in the competition. The Ath boys may have lost 42-10 but probably put in their best performance of the season. If they carry this on, results will turn themselves around.

Under-16: The under-16s travelled up to CRICC looking to keep their momentum going but with CRICC only having 11 players available the Ath lent them four players to be able to play 15 a side.

The Ath started strongly with the forwards dominating all areas of play but especially smashing holes in the CRICC defence before releasing the backs to run in some simple tries. However, with some great passing rugby on display from the Ath the score built up. Try scorers Will Laverick (3), Charlie Ashpole (2), James Puaca (2), Olly Williams (2), Tom Clarke (1), Conversions Ollie Donaghy (2) and Gus Patterson (1). Final score CRICC 10, Bridgend Athletic 56. Well done to the eight boys who volunteered to play for the opposition showing great sportsmanship.

AB

Bruised Barry looking for wins as string of home matches loom



Drew Fahiya and his Barry team are back home this Friday evening

AFTER a bruised Barry Town were hit with a third successive defeat on Saturday, the Jenner Park side will look to breathe new life into their season with a string of home matches, kicking off on Friday (November 22).

Neighbours Penybont will provide the opposition in front of the S4C cameras, with Rhys Griffiths' men looking to take their biggest scalp of the season after winning four points from their last two games.

Ironically, some might see the visitors as more of an in-form prospect than the hosts, though Barry supporters will be encouraged by an improvement in performance

at Cefn Druids last Saturday.

Indeed, Town created plenty of chances, with Chris Hugh hitting one post after a sublime through ball from Jordan Cotterill and Kayne McLaggon striking the other later in the match.

Despite Druids having Ryan Kershaw dismissed for a rash tackle on Mo Touray, neither Hugh nor Keyon Reffell could punish the Ancients. Charley Edge's third-minute opener proved to be the winner, a scruffy goal yet an invaluable one for the Druids as they climbed into the Cymru Premier's all-important sixth spot.

With Connah's Quay Nomads, The New Saints and Bala Town all recording wins the previous night, Barry's loss sees them drop down to fourth position – six points off the top, with a game in hand on

both Andy Morrison's Nomads and Colin Caton's Lakesiders.

With none of the top three in action this weekend, Barry could be back in second place outright by Saturday – if they win.

For Penybont though, a win will be enough to lift the Bridgend boys up and out of the relegation places, clear of Airbus and Carmarthen. With a host of former Barry players in the Penybont squad, the ingredients are there for an interesting match this Friday, with kick-off at 8pm and admission on the gate. Town then play back-to-back matches with Newtown at Jenner Park, before the cameras return to Barry on Friday, December 13 for a marquee melee with champions TNS.

Report by Ashley Cox

Labuschagne signs two-year deal with Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN Cricket are delighted to announce the signing of star all-rounder Marnus Labuschagne as our overseas player for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

Labuschagne signed as the Welsh county's overseas player for the first-half of the 2019 season and became the first player in domestic cricket to reach 1,000 County Championship runs.

The 25-year-old racked up 1,114 runs in the County Championship in just 18 innings at an average above 65, and took 19 wickets

with his leg-spin.

He struck five centuries during the campaign, including a career-best 182 against Sussex and recorded twin centuries against Worcestershire, becoming the first Glamorgan player since 2005 to do so.

His form for Glamorgan and widely regarded talent earned him a call-up to the Australian Ashes squad and he made history at Lord's by becoming the first ever concussion substitute in Test match cricket.

He reeled off four successive half-centuries in the series and finished as one of the standout

players on both sides.

Despite only completing seven innings, he was Australia's second highest run scorer with 353 runs at an average above 50.

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, said: "To have Marnus sign for two years is great news for everyone associated with the club. He showed during the county season and Ashes what a fantastic player he is, and will significantly strengthen our batting and bowling departments across all three formats."

Latest results from the Barry and District Clubs

THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs are:

Crib Division 1: Wyndham Cons 8, Rhose Social 7; West End 8, Moors Boys 7; Romilly Railway 7, Liberals 8.

League: Romilly Railway 75, West End 70, Liberals 65, Rhose Social 63, Wyndham Cons 61, Moors Boys 59, Cadoxton Cons 57.

Skittles Division 1: Slammers 6, Barry Town FC 1; Liberals A 3, Barries Boys 4; Rhose Social B 2, Sea View Exiles 5;

Allsorts 7, Rhosesters 0; West End D 2, King William XII 5; Rhose Social A 0, Rugby Club 7; Cambrian Flyers 2, Rhose Social C 5; West End C 5, Liberals C 2.

League: Sea View Exiles 51.0, West End D 46.5, King William XII 40.0, Rugby Club 38.5, Rhose Social A 38.0.

Rhose Social C 36.5, Allsorts 32.0, Barry Town FC 32.0, West End C 29.5, Liberals C 29.0, Slammers 28.0, Barries Boys 25.5, Rhose Social B 24.5, Rhosesters 24.5, Cambrian Flyers 21.0, Liberals A 14.5.

Snooker Division 1: West End C 5, Cadoxton Cons B 0; Harbour B 4, Penarth Cons A 1; Penarth Cons B 2, Rhose Social C 3.

League: West End C 32, Harbour B 29, Savoy B 28, Penarth Cons A 25, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Cadoxton Cons B 21, Wyndham Cons A 20, Rhose

Social C 16, Rhose Social B 14, Penarth Cons B 13, *Liberators 4.

Snooker Division 2: Market Street A 2, Services Social B 3; Savoy C 1, Market Street C 4; Sully Sports A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Market Street B 2, Harbour A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, West End A 1.

League: Market Street C 30, Savoy C 29, Harbour A 27, Market Street A 26, Services Social B 26, Wyndham Cons D

23, West End A 22, Cadoxton Cons A 21, Market Street B 18, West End B 18, Sully Sports A 15. * = Points deducted.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk. **JW**

Forward power shades the game as Tondy narrowly lose out to Waunarlwydd.



Sam Grabham heads for the line but is tackled. Photograph by Gareth Anthony.

TONDU RFC visited Waunarlwydd, a game which is always a close encounter: it was as close as it can get, with Tondy losing out by 21-22.

In the end, the key factor was the dominance up front of the home side, who took the lead on eight minutes when full back Nathan Beck crashed over wide out.

Tondy finally got a foot-hold in the game when flanker Jon Penpraze went over from a lineout, and Luke Whittall slotted the conversion to give his side the lead at the break. The second half couldn't have started any worse for the visitors. A line out and a powerful rolling maul saw hooker Andrew Lloyd crash over. A failed conversion left the score at 10-7 to the Swansea Valley side.

Minutes later though, Tondy were back in front, when they were awarded a penalty try after Waunarlwydd were guilty of taking down a rolling maul.

Back up the other end it went, and more powerful work from the Waunarlwydd forwards saw Phil Evans scoring the home side's third try.

Tondy just didn't have an answer to the opposition's marauding forwards, and when Joel Mutuscke went over for the bonus point try, things looked done and dusted.

But to Tondy's credit they kept plugging away, and scored what was probably the game's best try through centre Sam Grabham towards the end, the conversion added by Gareth Lindburn.

Just a point in it, but time ran out, so it was another narrow defeat for the Waterwheelers and more evidence that they need to strengthen things up front.

Next Saturday, Tondy host Kenfig Hill at Pandy Park, kick off 2.30pm.

Mike Sully

A mixed few weeks for Sully Indoor Bowling Club team members

SULLY Indoor Bowling Club has had a mixed few weeks, with varied success on the green to success within the club itself.

The championship side has played three games, winning just one of these at home to Taff Ely (Pontypridd) 151 - 90; 22 points gained, but they lost away at Radnor and Rhondda, with just three points for their efforts. Consistency and availability are a problem at the moment: once this is resolved the team will show an improvement.

This season the Sully Club has introduced a second O'60 team to join the Sully O'60 team in the league named the 'Vale'. Both teams got off to a flying start with the Sully team winning at Earlwood, taking 12 of the 14 points on offer. The 'Vale' side was formed to encourage other good bowlers in the club to play at a higher level and gain experience of playing at other clubs, where the greens vary significantly.

Playing their first ever game the Vale selectors weren't expecting much as the first game was against unbeaten Blaenau Gwent at home; but with some experienced and good upcoming players forming the first selection the result was a brilliant and unexpected five shot win for the Vale, gaining 10 points to the visitors' four. All rinks played well, with that of John Best/Don Shirley/Roy Richards and skip Nick Chandler eventually going down by just four

shots 15-19. The rink skipped by Graham Carlisle supported by John King/Terry Collins and Chas Burton got off to a flying start leading 7-1 after the fifth end, but lost eight ends on the run to go 11 shots down 9-20; they fought back well to lose 17 -24.

The rink of Tony Frowd/Bob Knight/Brian Crockford/Bob Matthews appeared up against it from the off and were 10 behind by the 10th end, but the winning mentality of skip Tony Frowd kicked in and with his encouragement his rink won 17-16 on the final end for a fantastic win.

The highlight, though was the rink of Fred Phillips with superb support from his players Alun Rees/John Kirk/Paul Gray beating the visitors' top rink with ease 25-10. Rees led well, ably backed up by Kirk and with Gray and Phillips drawing some excellent shots the home rink was always in control. If all players continue to support the club the future is looking positive: well done to all the Vale players.

As for the Sully Club itself, the introduction of Fish & Chip Friday proved a resounding success and will continue, with an alternative offer available.

Bookings are now being taken for this week, forms available at the club or on 02920 530999 – all are welcome. The Bingo on Thursday afternoon continues to grow, but visitors will be more than welcome. Session starts at 2.30pm finishing at about 4.15pm.



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Busy summer on the beach for Vale Surf Life Saving Club



VALE Surf Lifesaving Club Youth, Senior and Masters sections completed their second season of beach competition with superb performances all round both at Welsh and GB level.

The Welsh Ocean Championships in July saw Vale SLSC finish in sixth place across the combined age groups with the Open team particularly excelling to finish second place in their category.

Gold medals were won by under-17 Board – Reuben Hopkin; under-15 Ski – Ben Ewington; under-17 Ski – Brooke Peterson; under-15 Oceanman – Ben Ewington; under-17 Sprints – Reuben Hopkin; Open Girls' Beach Relay, Open Girls' Board Relay, under-17 Girls' Double Ski.

Silver medals: under-17 Sprints – Brooke Peterson; under-17 Flags – Brooke Peterson; Men's 50 plus Ski – Simon Parker; Open Boys' Beach Relay, Open Girls' Rescue Tube, Open Girls Ski Relay, under-17 Girls' Double Ski. Bronze medals – Open Beach Sprint – Reuben Hopkin, under-15 Board Race – Ben Ewington, under-17 Ski – Tesni Gardiner (almost a clean sweep with Emily Parker in fourth place and Abi Baker fifth); under-17 Ski – Reuben Hopkin, under-17 Oceanman – Reuben Hopkin, under-17 Long Run – Brooke Peterson, Men's 50 plus Oceanman – Simon Parker, under-17 Girls Board Rescue, under-17 Girls Tube Rescue, Open Girls Double Ski (also fourth and sixth), Men's 40 plus Double Ski – Darren Baker and Simon Parker.

August saw a strong turnout from Vale SLSC at the GB Youth Ocean Championships in Branksome Chine, Dorset with the Youth team finishing a fantastic seventh place out of 26 clubs and second placed Welsh Club. As well as an impressive selection of medals, many of the team points came from superb performances from each and every member of the Youth squad.

Gold medals – under-17 Girl Double Ski, under-19 Mixed Beach Relay. Silver medals – under-17 Ski – Brooke Peterson, under-15 Race – Ben Ewington. Under-19 Beach Sprint – Sean McKenna, under-19 Girl Ski Relay, under-17 Girl Ski Relay; Bronze Medals – under-17 Boy Ski Relay.

Just outside the medal positions were the following: U19 Beach Flags – fifth Ellie



Peterson, Declan Ewington, sixth James Hamer; U19 Beach Sprint – fourth James Hamer, U17 Beach Sprint – fourth Brooke Peterson; U17 Beach Sprint – fifth Reuben Hopkin, U15 Beach Sprint – sixth Alice Connolly; U17 Ski – Tesni fifth/Reuben fifth; U19 Girls Double Ski – fifth, U19 Boys Double Ski – seventh, U17 Boys Double Ski – fourth; U19 Girls Tube Rescue – sixth, Under 19 Boys Tube Rescue – fourth; U17 Boys Tube Rescue – fourth, U17 Girls' Tube Rescue – seventh; U17 Boys' Board Rescue – sixth; U17 Mixed Beach Relay – fourth; U19 Girls' Taplin – fourth, Under 19 Boys' Taplin – fourth, U17 Girls' Taplin – fifth; U19 Girls' Surf Team – seventh, U19 Boys' Surf Team fourth; U19 Boys' Ski Relay – fourth; U19 Girls' Board Relay – fourth, U19 Boys Board Relay fifth, U17 Girls' Board Relay – fourth.

In September, Vale SLSC Senior team competed in the GB Senior Championships at St David's, finishing in a fantastic fourth place overall. As well as the following medals, there were many fourth, fifth and sixth places achieved

gaining valuable points for the club: Silver – Beach Sprints – Dafydd Nicholls, Female Ski Relay, Female Beach Sprint Relay, Female Board Relay; Bronze: Ski – Kelsea Peterson, Beach Flags – Ellie Peterson, Female Double Ski.

A huge well done to the small contingent of Vale SLSC Nippers who attended the GB Nipper Championships at Branksome Chine. The club was very proud to be represented by Harry Nicholas, Oliver Nolan, Katie Luen-Twinning and Bethan Spry, all of whom competed brilliantly. For such a small team, it was fantastic to finish in 26th place out of the 30 clubs competing. Harry just missed out on a medal finishing in fifth place in the 8 year Boys' Board race. Thanks also for the top support from Evie Nicholas and Joanie Nolan. Well done all, you were amazing!

With winter training now well under way, the following members of the club have been selected for Welsh squad training over the winter season: Kelsea Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Brooke Peterson, Tesni Gardiner, Reuben Hopkin and Ben Ewington.

Glamorgan farmers head west to Swansea Valley



Tom McCarthy, Alex Roe, Hugh Williams, sponsor Brian Larkin, Rob Price and society captain Clive Thomas.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at the Mond Golf Club in the Swansea valley where 28 participants were keen to win one of the many excellent prizes supplied by the day's generous sponsor Mr Brian Lakin of Sigma3 Kitchens and Bathrooms.

Despite the very wet weather leading up to the event, several returned quite impressive stableford scores considering the underfoot playing conditions.

Leading the field at the end of the competition were Hugh Williams and Rob Price who both scored 33 points. Unfortunately for Rob, better known as the Cowbridge RFC flag bearer, prize when hitting the longest drive down the 18th fairway.

17th proved crucial, resulting

in an inferior back nine to the eventual winner Hugh Williams. Ray Thomas with 29 points finished in third place, followed by Julian Golunski with 28.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were David Davies (twice), sponsor Brian Lakin and 16-year-old Alex Roe.

Alex also won the guest prize when finishing with 30 points, just seeing off the challenge of his playing partner and friend, 15-year-old Tom McCarthy who also returned 30 points.

Tom McCarthy at least had the satisfaction of returning home with the Llanerch Vineyard (Cardiff) sponsored by m/s and Restaurant-sponsored Herbert R Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

Sponsor Brian Lakin returned home with a voucher from Pickeston Poultry when correctly guessing 39 balls would remain out on this picturesque parkland course that raised £75 for the Alzheimer's society.

Mention must be made of the very welcoming reception and support provided by the staff at this most hospitable of clubs and also the excellent catering facilities enjoyed by society members – all eager for a return visit when hopefully more favourable playing conditions will prevail.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 28 at Whitchurch (Cardiff) sponsored by m/s Herbert R Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

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On and off the Turf with Brian Lee

AT Cheltenham last Saturday, Debra Hamer's ToBefair, which carried the crippling top weight of 11 stone 12lbs, finished a brave third behind the lightly weighted Golan Fortune and Eminent Poet in the Big Buck's Handicap Hurdle.

Adam's Cheltenham winner Adam Wedge, stable jockey to Evan Williams, is having a cracking season and at Cheltenham last Sunday riding Emma Lavelle's *Hung In There* he rode an excellent race to win the Sky Bet Supreme Trial Novices' Hurdle, scoring by three lengths from *Pacify* – a winner of its previous five races.

The 2019/20 point-to-point season opened last Sunday with the Dunsmore fixture at Silverton and two riders from the Vale who were successful were Evan David and Byron Moorcroft.

Evan won the conditions race on 10-1 chance *Marten*, and Byron took the open maiden on the oddly named *Iusetalloveheronce*, which went off the favourite. The mixed open race was won by Wales' Bradley Gibbs who, riding Don Bersey, beat the odds-on favourite *Bishop's Road*.

Two horses trained in the Vale area finished first and second in the two miles and four furlongs handicap hurdle race at Southwell last Friday.

Six-year-old *Oriental Cross*, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin and partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, went clear after jumping the last hurdle to win by seven lengths from *Ishyaboi*, trained by Ogmere -by-the Sea's Christian Williams and ridden by Nick Scholfield. *Oriental Cross* was returned at odds of 9-2.

Adam's Exeter Double

ADAM Wedge, stable jockey to Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed a double at Exeter on Wednesday (November 13).

He won the novices' hurdle on Emma Lavelle's *Eclair Surf* and the Beginners' Chase on Evan Williams' *Esprit Du Large*.

The former, which was returned the even money favourite, won by three-and-a-half lengths from *Kozier* and the latter, a 9-4 chance which at five-years-old was the youngest horse in the race, scored by two-and-a-quarter lengths from Fergal O'Brien's *Coolanly*.

News from Llantonian Bridge Club

THE November scores from the Llantonian Bridge Club are:

November 4: First, Allan Evans and Norma Barber; second, Diana Trickey and David Simpson; third, Ros Martin-Jones and Angela Hawkins.

November 11: First, Allan Evans and Hilary Bevington; second, Pam Treadwell and Joan

Richards; third, Angela Hawkins and Ros Martin-Jones.

The club meets every Monday at 7pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major. New members and visitors welcome; call Alan Beckwith on 01446 775836 or email homestead34@btinternet.com for more information.

St Mary's seniors are hardy souls

A COUPLE of dry days with a brisk wind had dried out the fairways and greens sufficiently for 30 members of St Mary's Senior Section to squeeze in a Yellow Ball Stableford competition played over 16 holes – up from the recent norm of 12.

The wind chill factor made for bitterly cold conditions and the later groups finished their rounds in a heavy downpour as the rain returned with a vengeance.

One of the 10 three-ball groupings sensibly decided to come off for an early bath, but 27 of the more hardy souls stuck it out to complete the course.

When the dust, or rather mud, settled, the victory was claimed by Andrew Lane, Gareth Thomas and Ray Stacey with a card of 65 points. Veteran campaigner Bob Coombes, Gareth Jones and section captain Dave Hughes were placed second, just one point back on 64.

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It's deja vu all over again as Athletic lose out to Treorchy

IT was deja vu as for the second successive season, the second-placed Division One East Central side Treorchy gained a narrow victory over the second-placed Division One West Central side Bridgend Athletic at the same stage (round 3) of the Specsavers National Plate competition.

In season 2018-2019 it was by 20-18 while this season the margin was 21-17.

It was a highly entertaining clash played at a high tempo throughout. Treorchy's excellent Lloyd brothers, full back Jacob (two tries) and outside half and captain Jordan (a conversion and three penalties) were the architects of the win. Another brother, scrum half Ethan, further heaped misery on the borough, playing replacement scrum half for Cardiff at the Brewery Field.

The Athletic were forced into five selection changes from the side that won last weekend at Tondy. With second row and two back row changes, the players used youth debutant

lock Morgan Thomas alongside experienced lock Jonathon Stoker, and flankers Tom Davies and Nathan Holman all put in top performances. Holman, normally a hooker, pushed prop Matthew Norman for the man of the match award.

Youth centre Danny O'Sullivan, who made an impressive substitute appearance at Tondy, started his first full game for the Athletic and was again impressive. During the warm-up, scrum half Al Thomas was forced to withdraw with a recurrence of an ankle injury, forcing a reshuffle with full back Robin Davies moving to No 9 and Lindsay MacAuland slotting in at full back.

Treorchy kicked off and the Athletic fumbled inside their own 22. Treorchy piled on the pressure and only a big hit try-saving tackle by hooker Lee Murphy saved the day. Flanker Nathan Holman then broke out of defence inside his own 22 and fed scrum half Robin Davies. Davies made good ground along the right touchline before kicking over the Treorchy defence. Athletic wing Tom James looked favourite to win the

chase but unfortunately pulled up with a hamstring injury. Last season's youth scrum half Matthew Hobby came on, with Davies moving to the wing.

The Athletic new look pack, led by No 8 Sean Williams, were asserting control, winning a penalty 40 metres out which outside half Luke Bevan saw bounce back into play off the crossbar. Two minutes later, a similarly positioned penalty was despatched by Bevan to touch around eight metres from the Treorchy try line.

An Athletic driving maul was halted just short. Murphy and Bevan were just held, but when the ball reached prop Matthew Norman, he had the strength to carry two would-be Treorchy tacklers over the line. Bevan threaded the conversion from wide out.

Treorchy responded with a Jordan Lloyd penalty. A further two Lloyd penalties as the result of Athletic errors one on the stroke of half time saw the Zebras lead 9-7 at the break.

Ten minutes into the second half, from a scrum inside the Athletic 22 Treorchy moved the ball slickly along the line for Jacob

Lloyd to cross wide out and open a 14-7 lead. The Athletic brought on prop Matthew Muir in the second row to add weight to the scrum. It paid dividends as the Athletic were awarded a scrum penalty which Bevan slotted from 40 metres.

Two minutes later in the 67th minute from a penalty in a similar position Bevan kicked the ball to touch 10 metres from the Treorchy line. Murphy found No 8 Sean Williams and the Athletic, with backs joining in, drove Treorchy back for Murphy to score his fourth touchdown of the season. Bevan converted to give the Athletic a 17-14 lead.

The lead was short lived. From the restart, an Athletic clearance kick was charged down inside their own 22. They recovered but another attempted clearance was sliced into the hands of full back Jacob Lloyd 25 metres wide out. Showing great speed and balance he sliced clean through the Athletic defence to cross near the posts, making the conversion a formality for brother Jordan.

With three minutes remaining the Athletic found themselves

defending on their own line. They won a scrum penalty and showing great character worked their way into the Treorchy 22. They tried hard for the winning try but with the final move of the match an Athletic player became isolated and was penalised for holding on.

Despite the disappointing defeat to a very good Treorchy side that reached the semi final of the Plate last season, the Athletic can take heart for the remaining Division One West Central campaign. Despite effectively seven changes to last week's side, there are enough quality players available in the squad to compete against the best sides in any league.

The Athletic resume league fixtures at Wauarlwydd this Saturday, November 23, before returning to the Brewery Field on November 30 for a local derby with Nantfyllon. Kick off is at 12pm ahead of the Wales v Barbarians fixture.

AB

A great night for Wales as they make it to the Euros once again!

OVER the last five years, Gareth Jamieson was both The GEM's film critic and football correspondent.

In the latter role, he chronicled the highs and lows of Welsh football and he was fortunate that this period included the high of qualifying for the Euros in France.

As a passionate Welsh fan, he was out there in France, and two years later, he reported on Wales as they missed out on the World Cup.

So, although Gareth has moved on to pastures new, and he is much missed here in The GEM, we invited him to report on Wales' massive night in the Cardiff City Stadium against Hungary on Tuesday.

IF Euro 2016 had been the zenith of Welsh football, the hangover from that glorious summer in France has been one of dull ache rather than out-and-out agony.

After all, Wales were denied a World Cup play-off spot at the hands (or foot) of James McLean, as the Republic of Ireland claimed the crucial victory in Cardiff nearly two years ago, Chris Coleman's team thinking 'what if' in a campaign that was hampered by injuries and too many draws in winnable fixtures.

Then, as Coleman left for pastures far more tumultuous (leaping from the relative comfort of the Wales hot seat to the car crash of the terminally-declining Sunderland) Wales found their new leader in the shape of Ryan Giggs.

Inexperience, and a less-than-stellar record of appearing for his country in friendlies, left many feeling underwhelmed that the successor to one of, if not the greatest, managers in Welsh history was the untested and, in some circles, unloved former player.

After making his managerial bow in the China Cup, Giggs started as he meant to go on, bleeding a steady stream of youngsters and imposing his own tactical ideas that saw that loss to the Republic of Ireland avenged by a thrilling display of attacking football in a 4-1 win, only for the wheels to come off Wales' Nations League campaign with defeats away and home against Denmark, sandwiching an impressive 1-0 win in Dublin.

This was very much a dress rehearsal for the important job of qualifying for Euro 2020, and the good start of a win over Slovakia in

the opening game, thanks to Daniel James, was undone by defeats in Croatia and Hungary, the latter a woeful performance summed up by Gareth Bale blasting over from 10 yards out before the Hungarians grabbed the only goal of the game.

If the 'Giggs out' brigade were sharpening their pitchforks, eight points from the following four games settled nerves and also set up a winner-takes-all clash with Hungary at the Cardiff City Stadium, the victor enjoying the satisfaction of booking their place in the tournament while the loser would likely head to the lottery of the play-offs.

Wales, historically, do not like these games – too many memories of failures of years gone by, the pressure of one game encapsulating a qualifying campaign was almost unbearable, but the class of 2019 didn't let the ghosts of yesteryear weigh too heavily, two goals from the mercurial Aaron Ramsey giving Wales a 2-0 win against an opposition who just failed to get going from the start.

It was a win, and a performance, that blew away any doubts that Wales deserved to yet again sit at the top table of European football, and one devoid of the uncertainty that had hampered the team after those early away defeats.

It was also a validation of Ryan Giggs' mettle – those early performances had underwhelmed, Giggs cutting a figure seemingly devoid of the heart on sleeve emotion that typified Chris Coleman's reign. However Giggs has taken a team that, only a few months ago, seemed destined to fall short and pushed them over the line, the performances against Azerbaijan last Saturday and against Hungary two of the most measured and composed of his time at the helm.

So as the celebrations slow down, next up is the European Championships themselves, and after the ecstasy of 2016, a summer that will live long in the memories of those who travelled across the Channel, the test of 2020 will be to build on what Giggs has slowly developed so far.

A repeat of 2016's heroics may seem unlikely, but as Giggs' predecessor once put it so succinctly: "Don't be afraid to have dreams".

What Wales do next summer remains to be seen, but the heroics of this squad, and their effort in getting to the finals of another major tournament, cannot be underestimated.

Timeto break out the bucket hats and start singing "Don't take me home"...

Pencoed hang on for home win over Ystrad

FOR Pencoed, this match turned out to be the proverbial game of two halves, as they took an important home win over Ystradgynlais.

The first 15 minutes turned out to be a nip and tuck affair.

However, Pencoed started to take the ascendancy and this was rewarded on 20 minutes when Ashley Bissett forced his way over following good phase play from the home side.

Rhys Clarke added the extras with a fine wideout kick.

Ystrad then forced a penalty, on 28 minutes, which was successfully converted.

Pencoed's response was almost immediate. Two minutes later, again following good phase play, the ball was moved to Shane Izatt who spotted a gap in the

defence to force himself over in typical fashion. The extras hit an upright.

Pencoed further extended their lead on 36 minutes. Showing, once again, patience, Pencoed built phases resulting in Morgan Jones getting on the score sheet. Rhys Clarke added the extras to leave a half time score of 19-6.

The first score of the second half went to the home side, a penalty from Rhys Clarke on 46 minutes.

To their credit, Ystrad then took control of the game. They scored unconverted tries on 51 and 59 minutes, leaving an anxious last quarter for the home supporters.

The home players rose to the challenge and with a typical resolute defensive display, stopped the visitors from adding to their score.

In fact, Pencoed finished the game the stronger.

Among others, Jack Walker had a fine game, however, the chosen man of the match was Morgan Jones.

Final score: Pencoed RFC First XV 22 v 16 Ystradgynlais RFC.

Our Second XV travelled to Porthcawl and returned with an excellent win of 17-26. Given the 'mauling' we received earlier in the season from the same opposition, this result, added to the First XV result, clearly demonstrates how the whole senior squad is improving and getting stronger. Plaudits to all second team squad members today. Man of the match was awarded to Lucas Gallino. Mention has to go to Liam Jury for a fine performance.

SHD

Maes Gwyn success in Special Schools Challenge Shield

ON October 23, Heronsbridge School welcomed seven other special schools to the annual South Wales Special School 11-a-side football Challenge Shield when pupils from across the region competed with their peers from other schools.

The event, organised by Richard Howe, Heronsbridge School Opportunities and Enrichment Leader, was supported by Edgar Burt of the Rotary Club of Bridgend, and sponsored by Rotarian Derek Gaynor. The event involved 100 players from eight schools; Heronsbridge (Bridgend), Woodlands High School (Cardiff), Ysgol Bryn Castell (YBC) (Bridgend), Headlands School

(Penarth), Penybryn School (Swansea), Ysgol Hendrefelin (Neath), Greenfield School (Merthyr Tydfil) and Maes Gwyn (Aberdare). Maes Gwyn won the final and lifted the coveted trophy for the second year running. The Player of the Tournament was Robin Tse and the most improved team was Ysgol Hendrefelin. The winners of the Tony Phillips Fair Play Memorial Shield was won by Heronsbridge School from Bridgend. The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Cllr John McCarthy, presented the winners' shields and a medal to every player, assisted by Brian Roberts, Edgar Burt, Dr William Williams, Robin Bratton, Tony Berron and Alan Reeks. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Rotary, see www.rotarybridgend.org.uk or call 01656 6521812.

Bridgend Bridge Clun news

BRIDGEND Bridge Club members Victoria Andrews and Rosemary Gold, and Peter and Hillary Rowley were successful in the Porthcawl Bridge Congress, coming equal second in the Newcomers Pairs competition.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

A Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs competition was played on November 13: First, David Crompton

and David Bowen; second, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne; third, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage. The winners on handicap were David Crompton and David Bowen.

On November 14: first, Gareth Jenkins and Joan Ralph; second, Stuart Davies and Dilys Bowser; third, Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass. The winners on handicap were Gareth Jenkins and Joan Ralph.

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